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Meet the Paper and the Staff

Introductions are in order! May I present to you **Christian Service Times** — the first issue of the paper resulting from the merger of **Guild Times** and the **Louisiana Conference News.**

It is my privilege, also, to introduce the new four-member staff. Heading the group as Editor is Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr. The Co-Editors, representing the Guild and Society respectively, are Miss Mildred Evans and Mrs. C. R. McCammon. In the important position of Business Manager is Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner. Each of these women is highly competent for the task she has assumed and brings to it special skills and talents. They have dedicated their time and effort that this new paper may conserve all the values of the two former papers, and, at the same time, may meet the needs of these changing times.

This paper and this staff did not "just happen." They resulted from the prayerful guidance of a committee, composed of representatives of the Society and Guild, which has worked the better part of a year to bring these plans to fruition.

As we pledge our support to the new paper and its staff, we offer our sincere appreciation to their devoted predecessors without whose previous labors and present guidance, **Christian Service Times** could not have become a reality.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron

Christian Service Times

A merger is an interesting thing. To merge actually means "to lose identity by combining with something else." Identity is a precious thing and we need sound reasons before we let it go. Friends and groups working together give up a bit of their identity in becoming a part of the whole. The Christian loses his identity in Christ. In either case, there emerges a new identity — a fresh new means of expression for each of the combining groups. The committee representing the Guild, the Society, the two former papers, and the present staff, have this hope for **Christian Service Times.** Its purpose is to serve both the Guild and the Society, to draw them more closely together, to channel information needed for effective work to individuals in local Guild Units and Woman's Societies.

The paper will be distributed on a subscription basis. This is nothing new for Guilders. Many of them already subscribe. For members of the Woman's Society it is a change of procedure. Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Business Manager, says "One copy of **Christian Service Times** will go to each Guild Unit and local Woman's Society for a permanent file. Guild members who now subscribe will receive individual copies. All subscriptions, both Guild and Society, will go through Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, P. O. Box 445, Mooringsport, Louisiana, 71060. You will be hearing more of the plans for the new paper at Annual Meetings in March and will have opportunity to subscribe at at that time."

If you have comments, suggestions or questions, please send them to your editors. The staff has mapped out a tentative plan for the next three issues that will bring you advance information on Guild Weekend and the School of Christian Missionn, releases from Woman's Division, feature articles that may be of service to you, and the information you need from your officers and from other districts. As we planned together, so many possibilities occurred to us — things we could do to add to the appearance of the paper, features that could be included, special articles that you might want, things that need to be timed so that they reach you just as you need them. We thought of far more than we could carry out this first issue. The ideas are on file and you will see some of them from time to time. But we are just four of the group. We need your ideas, too. Let us know how we can best serve you through the paper. This is our goal.

Annual Meetings in Baton Rouge

Mrs. Clayton Mainous and Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.

The Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild will be held March 4-6, 1966, at First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Clayton Mainous, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, is program chairman for the meeting. She was formerly the District Secretary of the Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guild and the Guild Unit at the hostess church is named for her. Highlights of the annual meeting program may be found on pages 2-3.

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., is program chairman for the annual meeting of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service which will be held March 8-10 at the William B. Reily Memorial University Church in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Mouton says of annual meeting:

"Christian women facing the responsibilities of today must have a constant source of strength, wisdom and understanding. The Louisiana Conference Woman's Society seeks to provide, through the program of the annual meeting, a challenge and an inspiration for those who attend. The theme will be "For He Has Chosen Me — For the Living of These Days."

Both Dr. Edward Carothers and the Panel of American Women will be presented on Wednesday.

The question and answer session of last year with the Conference Officers has been asked for again with more to complete the program." For details see pages 4-6.

The Secretary's Pen

Dear Guild Members,

It is a thrill to be writing this letter to you in this the first issue of "CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES". This marks another step in co-operative effort and unity for the Guild and the Woman's Society.

As the climax of the observance of the 25th Anniversary approaches, each local Guild needs to evaluate its progress in achieving the Anniversary Goals. How do you measure up?

A meaningful experience awaits local Units conducting a Self Study. Presidents who participated in the district Self-Study know what it can mean and will want members of their unit to have similar experience.

March 4-6, 1966 brings the opportunity to participate in another Annual Spring Meeting. Baton Rouge District and First Methodist Church are making plans for us. The Committee on Program has completed its plans. Be sure to read those plans elsewhere in this issue. An unrealized dream is to have every Guild Unit in our conference represented at a Spring Meeting. Let's make it come true in 1966! It can, if each Unit will do its part. Make your plans to be there.

Guild Month, January, can do much to enchance the image of the Guild on the local, district, and conference levels if we plan carefully, prayferfully, and cooperatively with the Woman's Society, the local church, and its pastor.

January 29-30, 1966 is another time of enrichment for those who will be participating in the Spiritual Life Study Retreat at Hodges Gardens. Our conference chairman, Miss Mildred Evans, is planning with our leader, Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to make this a memorable time.

The Weekend Mission Seminar at Dulac found seven of our Louisiana Guilders participating. The tour and discussions brought a greater understanding and deeper appreciation of National Missions. I hope every Guilder will have an opportunity to see Missions first hand in a similar experience. We, who attended, are deeply gratful to Rev. Jerry Moon and the staff for making it such a meaningful experience in learning about the Dulac Community Center and for taking us to McDonell Methodist Center.

Because of God's love and His redemptive power in our lives, may our love and concern for others absorb our lives in service and prayer for others.

Sincerely,
Arline Tyler,
Conference Secretary

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General Information For The Annual Spring Meeting

REGISTRATION — $7.25 includes Saturday, evening, dinner and Sunday, morning, breakfast.

HOTEL — Jack Tar Capitol House, Lafayette at Convention Streets, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Room and Bath, Single per day	$5.00 & $6.25	$ 6.50 & $ 9.00
	$5.75 & $6.75	$ 7.00 & $10.00
		$ 8.00 & $12.00
Double Bedroom for two with bath, per day	$7.00 & $8.25	$ 9.00 & $11.00
	$7.75 & $8.75	$10.00 & $15.00
Twin Bedroom for two with bath, per day	$8.25 & $8.75	$11.00 & $13.00
		$11.50 & $15.00
Suite (Parlor and one Bedroom)		$22.00 & $25.00
Suite (Parlor and Two Bedrooms)		$60.00

Rates subject to 3% city and state sales tax.

This will be headquarters hotel.

Fifteenth Annual Meeting Wesleyan Service Guild

PROGRAM

March 4, 5, 6, 1966

THEME: "He Has Chosen Me, for the living of these days"
"Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days."

Friday, March 4

6:00 P.M. Registration — Jack Tar Capitol House

8:00 P.M. Conference Guild Committee Meeting— Jack Tar Capital House

Saturday, March 5

8:00 A.M. Conference Guild Committee Breakfast— Jack Tar Capitol House

9:00-12:00 Registration—Lobby, Jack Tar Capitol House

10:00 District Secretaries' Meeting

AFTERNOON SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

12:00 P.M. Registration continued— First Methodist Church

1:00 P.M. Organ Prelude
Theme Hymn . . . "God of Grace and God of Glory" . . . No. 279
Convening of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting— Miss Arline Tyler
Prayer — Miss Mildred Evans
Welcome — Rev. Dana Dawson
Mrs. Joseph L. Rountree, Jr.
Holy Communion
Order of Business:
Presentation of the Program— Mrs. C. G. Mainous
Introductions — Miss Arline Tyler
Report of the Recording Secretary — Miss Maree White
Appointment of Committees
Conference Publication
Report of the Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules
Report of the Committee on Nominations — Miss Marilyn Carter
Election of Officers
Announcements
Special Music
Offering
Pledge Service — Mrs. Carl Gallaher

4:00 P.M. Tour of the Governor's Mansion

7:00 P.M. Dinner — Show Boat Room, Jack Tar Capitol House
Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding
Invocation — Dr. Bentley Sloane
Introductions
Special Music
Address — Mr. Tom Matheny
Benediction — Rev. Beverly E. Bond

Sunday, March 6

7:00 A.M. Breakfast — Show Boat Room, Jack Tar Capitol House
Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding
Invocation — Mrs. Rosa McCollough
Meditation — Mrs. W. E. Trice
Closing Prayer — Miss Hermine Ttate

8:30 A.M. Order of Business:
Report of Tellers
Committee Reports
Election of Delegates

9:00 A.M. Guild Hymn
Conference Secretary's Report— Miss Arline Tyler
Installation of Officers—Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Adjournment

Mr. Tom Matheny

Mr. T. H. Matheny of Hammond, Louisiana will speak Saturday evening to the Annual Metting the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mr. Tom H. Matheny, an attorney, is Conference Lay Leader of the Louisiana Area of the Methodist Church. He is the author of an article, "The Case Against Capital Punishment," which appeared in the September, 1965, issue of **Together.** He is a member of the First Methodist Church in Hammond and has served both the local church and the Baton Rouge District in many capacities. Mr. Matheny holds a lay minister's license in the Methodist Church.

Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross and United Givers Fund are some of the civic groups that have claimed Mr. Matheny's time and interest. He is active in numerous legal associations and in Kiwanis and Demolay. In 1964, Mr. Matheny was named one of three outstanding young men of Louisiana. He is a native of Texas but was educated at Southeastern Louisiana College and Tulane School of Law.

Mrs. W. E. Trice

Mrs. W. E. Trice will be the guest speaker at the Sunday morning breakfast at the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild. She is the wife of Dr. W. E. Trice, minister of the Reily Memorial University Church in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. W. E. Trice has served on the Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in many capacities. At present she is serving as Recording Secretary of the Conference. She has served as Conference Secretary of Student Work, Youth Work, and as President of the Baton Rouge District.

Mrs. Trice will speak on "The Church's Calling For the Living of These Days."

A Welcome To Baton Rouge

Dear Guilders, Conference, and District Officers,

Mrs. Joseph Rountree

The Baton Rouge District would like to extend a hearty welcome to all of you for the meeting to be held March 4, 5, and 6, 1966. Everyone is working hard for a successful meeting, and we have set as our goal representation from each Unit in Louisiana.

The meeting will be at the First Methodist Church. A tea at our Governor's mansion and a banquet at the hotel with Mr. Tom Matheny as speaker are planned for Saturday. We will have breakfast with a meditation led by Mrs. W. E. Trice, and a business meeting at the hotel on Sunday morning. We plan to adjourn in time for you to attend the Methodist Church of your choice in Baton Rouge.

Much important business will come before this meeting. New Conference Officers will be elected. Plan now to come to Baton Rouge and help us have a good meeting. Help us attain our goal of every Unit in Louisiana represented.

We are planning to see all of you in Baton Rouge March 4-6. Please do not disappoint us.

Sincerely,
Gail H. Rountree, District Secretary
Baton Rouge
Wesleyan Service Guild

Program Materials

Grace Lawson, Chairman

As the program of the Annual Meeting does not allow time for browsing and buying, we will not have literature for sale at that time.

Let me suggest that you study your Service Center Catalogue, and watch the back cover of your **Methodist Woman.** Order your 1966 Prayer Calendar and any supplementary materials you need for your current programs and studies direct from SERVICE CENTER, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45237.

Your Conference Treasurer Reports:

The Wesleyan Service Guild Pledge to Missions for 1965-1966 is ——— $24,918.00.

Amount Paid on Pledge, First Two Quarters 1965-1966.

ALEXANDRIA	$1,043.02
BATON ROUGE	1,336.40
LAFAYETTE	748.50
LAKE CHARLES	1,390.49
MONROE	1,644.61
NEW ORLEANS	1,181.44
RUSTON	944.20
SHREVEPORT	1,167.15
	$9,455.81

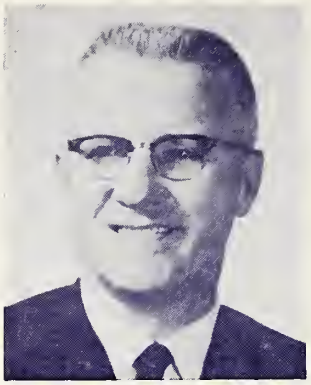
How does **your District** stand on Pledge-Giving to Missions?

Now, is the time for **Each Local Guild Treasurer** to check her records and ask the following questions:

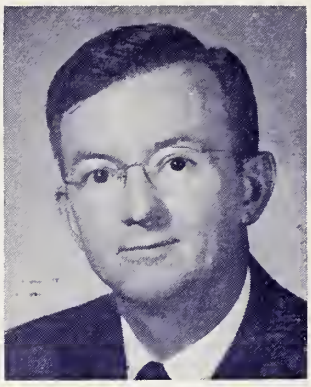
Has my Guild Increased its Pledge?
Are the Members of my Guild using the "Special Mission Bank" and/or "My World Bank?
(This money is in addition to our Pledge).
Am I reporting the needs of the Community Centers and Projects we support with our Gifts?
Have I explained how our Pledge Dollar is Spent?
(Information—June Issue 1964 Methodist Woman).

The Treasurer not only gives a Financial Statement at a Regular Meeting, she should also, interpret the Needs and the Meaning of Giving.

We have a challenging task before us. How will your Guild measure up when reports are brought in?



Dr. J. Edward Carothers



Dr. Clinton Bradford

Reverend Dr. J. Edward Carothers

The Reverend Dr. J. Edward Carothers, chief executive of the home mission program of the Methodist Church, will speak at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society on Wednesday evening, March 9. He speaks the same evening at the Youth Dinner and will appear the morning of March 10 with a "Listening Panel" to explore more fully points of special interest from his Wednesday evening address.

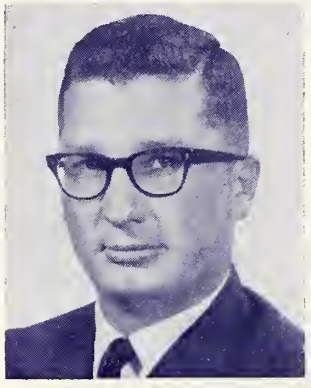
Dr. Carothers has been the associate general secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions with responsibility for its National Division since September, 1964. He is in charge of church extension and has responsibility for city work, town and country work, the Methodist deaconess program and the administration of a large network of mission projects — several of them here in Louisiana.

The Listening Panel which will appear with Dr. Carothers on Thursday morning will be moderated by Dr. Clinton Bradford, associate professor of speech at Louisiana State University. Dr. Bradford teaches speech for business and professional people, playwriting and writing for radio and television. He has taken special interest and action in movements aimed at better broadcasting. He is a member of the Reily Memorial University Church in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Joe H. Kavanaugh, a Baton Rouge attorney, will serve as a member of the panel. He is an outstanding layman who has served as chairman of the Official Board of Reily Memorial Methodist Church. He was an alternate delegate to General Conference and a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference held in Dallas.

The Reverend Mr. Barry Bailey, pastor of Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, a third member of the panel has held pastorates in Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. He is a member of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner and Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., both Conference Officers of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, complete the Listening Panel.



Mr. Joe Kavanaugh

Reverend Barry Bailey

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Woman's Society of Christian Service

THEME:

"For He Has Chosen Me—For The Living Of These Days"

Tuesday, March 8, 1966

AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn ——— No. 233
Convening of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting ——— Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Scripture and Prayer ——— Mrs. Clifford Ratliff
Welcome ——— Mrs. John Harvey
Presentation of Program ——— Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.
President's Message ——— Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Business:
Recommendations from Executive Committee
Committee Appointments and Announcements
Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws ——— Mrs. J. H. McSween
Wesleyan Service Guild Report ——— Miss Arline Tyler
Closing Prayer
Tea at the Governor's Mansion — Mrs. John McKeithen
Woman's Society Reily Memorial University Methodist Church

EVENING SESSION

Dinner ——— Jack Tar Capitol House
Commemorating 200th Anniversary of Methodism in United States
Presiding ——— Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Commemorative Address ——— Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
Closing Prayer

Wednesday March 9, 1966

MORNING SESSION

Hymn
Scripture and Prayer
Report of the Committee on Nominations ——— Mrs. Wideman Watson
Balloting
Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation ——— Mr. Mark Lower
Report of Recording Secretary ——— Mrs. W. E. Trice
Report of Treasurer ——— Mrs. Carl Gallaher
"Panel of American Women"
Meditation ——— Dr. W. E. Trice
Luncheon ——— Student Union Building
Presiding ——— Mrs. J. B. Kelley
Busines Girl's Inn ——— Mrs. Maxine Watkins
McDonell Methodist Center — Mrs. C. R. McCammon

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening Prayer
"Confrontation" ——— Conference Officers
Pledge Service ——— Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Dinner—International Night ——— Jack Tar Capitol House
Presiding ——— Mrs. T. Luster James
International Neighbors Group
World Federation of Methodist Women
Youth Dinner ——— Student Union Building
Presiding ——— Mrs. C. R. Cammon
Address ——— Dr. J. Edward Carothers

EVENING SESSION

Anthem ——— Choir
Offering
Address ——— Dr. J. Edward Carothers
Benediction

Thursday, March 10, 1966

MORNING SESSION

Hymn
Prayer
"Chosen Vessels" ——— Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
Business — Report of Committees
Registration
Place of Meeting 1967
Resolutoins
"Listening Panel" with ——— Dr. J. Edward Carothers
Moderator ——— Dr. C. W. Bradford

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Program of Women's Society (con't.)

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Panelists: Mrs. John Howe, Mrs. Wiley Gardner, The Reverend Mr. Barry Bailey, Mr. Joseph Kavanaugh

Report of District Presidents ——— Mrs. Robert Reich
Holy Communion ——— Dr. W. E. Trice
Benediction
Adjournment

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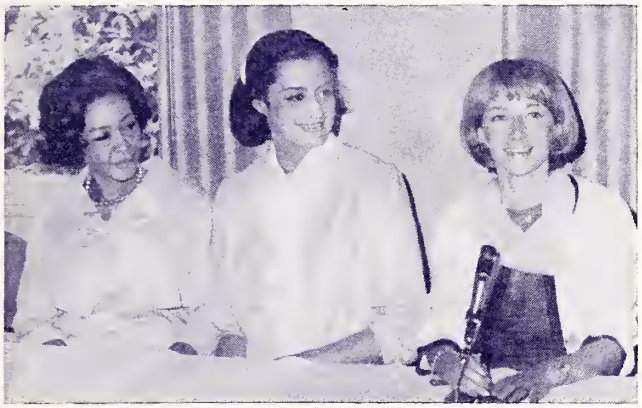

Panel of American Women

The Little Rock Panel of American Women will appear before the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service on Wednesday morning, March 9th.

Members of the Panel will be: Mrs. Negail Riley, Mrs. Cal Ledbetter, Jr., and Mrs. Dan Phillips, (who are pictured above) Mrs. Larry Obsitnik, and Mrs. Patrick C. Murphy, moderator.

Approximately 30 women rotate on and off the Panel. Each presentation includes a Catholic, a Negro, a Jew, a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant and sometimes a Japanese American. All the Panelists, with the exception of one Catholic nun, are housewives and after giving brief statements about themselves and their families, they answer questions from the audience which relate to prejudice.

The Panel has presented more than 200 programs throughout Arkansas since its first appearance on September 30, 1963, at Westover Hills Presbyterian Church at Little Rock. After that first program, a member of the church wrote a letter to the editor of the Arkansas Gazette which said:

"On the night of September 30, something courageous, exciting and heartwarming happened in Little Rock. A panel of concerned housewives representing different races and religious backgrounds expressed personal views on human relations.

"I was so moved I could not even think of a question to ask. To be quite truthful, I did not know whether to shed a tear or impulsively to rise to my feet to cheer . . ."

The Panel has since appeared before many church groups, PTA's schools, colleges, civic groups and conventions.

Articles about the Panel have appeared in the **Ladies Home Journal** and the **Presbyterian Survey** and Senator J. William Fulbright had an Arkansas Gazette feature article about the Panel read into the Congressional Record. The Little Rock Panel was also cited for the Abraham Reiter Award for "excellence in programming" by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

The original Panel group was organized nine years ago in Kansas City, Missouri, and 14 other similar groups have since been organized in other cities. All are volunteer and unsponsored groups. The Women's Panel at Little Rock was the first group of its kind in the South, although subsequent panels have been organized at Fort Smith, Dallas, and Houston.

Mrs. Kenneth Swartwood, General Chairman for Annual Meeting and Mrs. John Harvey, President of the Hostess Society.

It is the high privilege of the Woman's Society of Reily Memorial University Methodist Church to welcome you to the Annual Meeting in March.

To add to the enthusiasm and dedication of those planning, this year also marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Church and the beginning of Dr. W. E. Trice's twenty-fifth year as pastor of this church.

Lagniappe for your Baton Rouge visit will be a visit with International Neighbors, a luncheon at the new Louisiana State University Union and a tea at the Governor's Mansion.

We join hands and hearts with you wherever you are, and pray that your coming will inspire us all to do greater things for God.

Florence Harvey (Mrs. John C.)
President, Woman's Society
Reily Memorial University Church.

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Youth Dinner

The Youth Dinner sponsored each year by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service during the Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, March 9, at six o'clock, in the Cotillion Ballroom of the Student Union on the campus of Louisiana State University. The Youth Dinner is designed to bring together the young people and the workers with youth of the area in which the Annual Meeting is held and to provide an outstanding speaker for them.

This year, Dr. J. Edward Carothers of the National Division of the Board of Missions will be the guest speaker. Dr. Carothers is widely known for his dynamic and thought-provoking messages.

Reservations for the dinner may be secured from the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel for the Baton Rouge District — Mrs. John Oldham
10465 Cedarlane Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The cost of the dinner will be $2.60 each. Reservations must be made by March 1.

All young people from throughout Louisiana who can attend and those adults who work with youth are encouraged to participate in this outstanding event of the Annual Meeting.

Visitors to Annual Meeting may secure separate tickets for Tuesday and Wednesday's dinners and Wednesday's luncheon by writing in advance to:

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy
1955 Tamarix Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Please enclose check with request for tickets.

Luncheon—Wednesday at Union Bldg., L.S.U. $2.50
Dinner—Tuesday and Wednesday at the Jack Tar Capitol House ——— $2.85
No refunds will be made after March 1

Louisiana Friends At Meeting

A number of very dear Louisiana friends will be among those leading important parts of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of the Louisiana Area of The Methodist Church will adress the group at the Jack Tar Capitol House, Tuesday, March 8, commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Methodism in America.

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Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church will recognize retiring oficers and install those newly elected, on Thursday morning, March 10.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey

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Mrs. Maxine Watkins, who has come to Louisiana this past year, will speak of the program at the Business Girls' Inn, in Shreveport, where she is the director.

Mrs. Maxine Watkins

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Dr. W. E. Trice, pastor of the Reily Memorial University Church, will lead us in meditation on Wednesday, March 9 and will direct the communion service on Thursday. Dr. Trice, was an official delegate to World Methodist Conferences three different times.

Dr. W. E. Trice

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The Governor's Mansion will be the location of a tea, from 4:30 to 6:00 on the afternoon of March 8. Guests will enjoy the many outstanding features of the Mansion, as well as meeting the charming First Lady, Mrs. John J. McKeithen, Jr., whose mother-in-law, Mrs. McKeithen, Sr. was Vice-President of the first Louisiana Conference when it was organized twenty-five years ago. On Saturday, March 5, at 4:00 P.M., those attending the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild will also visit the Governor's Mansion.

Dates & Locations of Meetings

Alexandria—	
First Methodist Church, Alexandria	March 31
Baton Rouge—	
Broadmoor Methodist Church, B. R.	April 13
Lafayette—	
First Methodist Church, Thibodaux	April 13
Lake Charles—	
Wesley Methodist Church, Sulphur	March 23
Monroe—	
Lake Providence Methodist Church	April 14
New Orleans—	
Napoleon Ave. Church, New Orleans	March 30
Ruston—	
Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston	March 30
Shreveport—	
First Methodist Church, Shreveport	March 31

Hotels and Motels

The following information will be helpful in making reservations for the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society: CAPITOL HOUSE (Lafayette Street, Telephone: 342-7721)

Single	$ 8.00 to $10.00
2 to a room	5.50 to 7.50 per person
3 to a room	4.00 to 6.00 per person
4 to a room	5.00 per person

TRAVELODGE MOTEL (427 Lafayette Street—Telephone: 348-7421)

Single	$ 8.00
2 to a room	12.00
2 beds, 3 people	14.00
2 beds, 4 people	16.00

LAKESHORE MOTOR HOTEL (1575 North Third Street—Telephone: 348-7111)

At Motel	
Single	$ 7.50 to $ 8.50
Double	9.50 to 10.50
At Hotel	
Single	$10.95 to $14.50
Double	13.50 to 16.50

Dr. Trice is active in Methodism at local, Conference, Jurisdictional, and World levels.

Speakers at the Wednesday noon luncheon will be Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel and President of the Board of Directors of the MacDonell Methodist Center, who will speak for MacDonell, and Mrs. Maxine Watkins.

President's Corner

THE SEVENTH ASSEMBLY OFFERING

When the Seventh Assembly meets in Portland, Oregon, in May, 1966, it will bring the 25th Anniversary celebration to a conclusion. Missionaries — Members— Money — these are the three "M's" which have challenged us during the anniversary observation.

In a very real and tangible way, the offering from the conference which will be received at the Assembly will combine the three "M's". **Members** will have the privilege of giving **Money** to help provide for our retired **Missionaries.** The offering will go into the fund from which pensions are paid to retired missionaries and deaconesses who have served under the Woman's Division or one of the uniting organizations.

Every Society and Guild will want to contribute to the Assembly offering. Later this spring a letter will come to you giving instructions for sending your gifts.

The following quotations express the feelings of our retired workers:

". . . a smile must have spread all over the country when the letter with the pension checks was received. Along with this gladness is gratitude for this expression of interest in us — by the Woman's Division."

". . . nothing but gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips for this great contribution to happiness and security given through the years. May God continue to bless and strengthen the work of the women of The Methodist Church."

". . . I do want to say how much I appreciate the way the Woman's Division does and always has cared for us."

What a blessing that each of us can have a part in increasing the pension fund which provides for these faithful servants of the Christ in their "golden" years! !

Mrs. G. W. Dameron

Committee On Nominations

February is the month in which officers of the local society are elected for the coming year. Election at this time affords an opportunity for incoming officers to attend the Annual Meeting, officer training days, and to make plans for an effective program within the society.

The recording secretary is charged with the responsibility of sending the list of new-elected officers to the district recording secretary. It is extremely important that this list be sent immediately following the election.

There is no more important group in the Society or Guild than the Committee on Nominations. The significance of their task, to submit nominees for various offices, cannot be over-emphasized.

The committee should begin its work by studying the Handbooks for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, especially pages 31-33, and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

"Working closely with the Committee on Membership, the Committee on Nominations should study the members of the Society or Guild, come to know their special interests and skills, and where they enjoy serving.

"The committee should plan to meet several times during the year. A committee cannot fulfill its responsibilities over the telephone. It must meet and share ideas in order to arrive at clear-cut decisions.

"Above all, the Committee on Nominations will realize that it cannot function in its own strength or by its own wisdom. The wise committee will seek council from the Pastor and other church leaders who have had opportunity to discern leadership potential among the women of the Church.

"In its search for wisdom and guidance, the Committee will spend much time in prayer and meditation. Moreover, it will enlist the entire membership of the Society and Guild in times of special prayer that the right leadership may be secured for the forthcoming year."

As Committees on Nominations within local churches take seriously their responsibilities and reach conclusions based on wise judgment, superior leadership within the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild is insured.

Spiritual Life Cultivation

Mildred Evans, Chairman

Plans are well underway for our Confernece Guild Spiritual Life Study Retreat, January 29-30, 1966, at Hodges Gardens, Many, Louisiana. The theme for the Retreat is "Better Than A Known Way."

Our leader, Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, has prepared the plan which has for its purpose:

(1) To discover some of the ways in which God's hand is in our lives and how this is "Better Than A Known Way."

(2) To commit ourselves anew to following in this way, through dedication and the practice of spiritual disciplines.

In order to enter fully into the plan of the Study Retreat, Mrs. Matthews suggests that we have copies of the book on which the plan is based, GOD'S HAND IN OUR LIVES by Fred Cloud.

The Retreat will begin Saturday at 2 P.M. and close with lunch on Sunday at noon.

Cost of meals, insurance, lodge and admission fees. and an honorarium for our leader will be $11.00.

The Lodge will accommodate 60 people. If we have more than 60 people, Hodges Garden Motor Inn and Restaurant, where we will be having our meals, will accommodate the over-flow. Room rates on the ground floor range from $7.00 to $14.00, depending on the number of of persons in the room. On the second floor, room rates range from $8.00 to $15.00.

This Study Retreat has been planned with each of you in mind. In Mrs. Matthews we have, not only a qualified, but a dedicated leader who will lead you to a full realization of the intent and meaning of the purpose. What more fitting way to begin the New Year than by participating in this event?

Missionary Education and Service

Mrs. C. G. (Emma) Mainus

I had a most interesting experience as I attended the Weekend Mission Seminar at Dulac Community Center on October 22-24, 1965. Guilders attending were given an insight into the place the Center fills in the community. We toured the community, heard the needs from the staff, under the capable leadership of the Reverend Jerry Moon, and entered into group discussion about our part in helping to meet the need.

Included in our tour was a visit to MacDonell Methodist Center.

The Weekend included discussions on "The Uniqueness and Philosophy of the Church Related Institutions," and the "Function of the Advisory Board and National Missions." Through the cooperation of the Woman's Division, much material was made available to the group.

Eleven Guilders attended — one from out of state and three from Central Jurisdiction.

If you are offered an opportunity to attend next year, do make a special effort to go. You will find a most interesting and inspiring experience in store for you.

Christian Social Relations

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur, Chairman

There is an article in **The Methodist Woman** for December on the World Understanding Workshop. Please read this carefully.

As fall Evaluation Reports came in I noted that joint planning between Woman's Society and Guild is is very poor. Are we at fault? Few listed any follow-up plans on United Nations Day observance. Let us grasp our opportunities and be leaders in citizenship and world affairs. Greater involvement, enlarged plans, expanded timely programs — all this will increase the effectiveness of our ecumenical witness as Methodist women.

News From The Districts

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT, Bessie M. Rollo, Secretary

A District Coaching Conference was held at First Methodist Church, Pineville, on October 10th. Guest speaker was Miss Wilma Robinson who has served as a missionary in north Nigeria, West Africa for the past twenty-seven years. Miss Robinson showed slides of her work. She has been on furlough but began the return trip to her post the day following the coaching conference. All phases of Guild work were presented at the conference.

November 7th, at "A-Day-Apart" held for the District at Alpine Headquarters, Mrs. G. W. Dameron spoke on the subject, "Salty Christians." This was a self-examining and spiritual awakening that all could share. Each individual felt the challenge.

A District Meeting was held at Jackson, Sunday, September 12. A memorial service, conducted by Mr. Joseph L. Rountree, Jr., was held for Miss Catherine Johnson of Amite who passed away on July 20, 1965.

Miss Oneida Duncan, District Chairman of Missionary Education, and her committee conducted a Missionary Hour, presenting the studies for the year.

The District is busy getting ready for the annual Citizenship Brunch to be held on Sunday, January 23, 1966, at First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Dr. Rodney Cline will be guest speaker. This is an anual obesrevance held during Guild month and is under the direction of Mrs. Florance Barnes, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

The District is also busy planning for the Annual Spring Meeting of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild to be in Baton Rouge in March.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT Mrs. Louis (Lillian) Soileau, Sec.

Our Coaching Conference, held in Abbeville, October 17, 1965, was well received. Crowley will be hostess for the 1966 spring District Meeting.

From Membership Cultivation Evaluation Reports, I find we have gained in membeship.

Our sympathies to the loved ones of Miss Nettie Brunette, Houma. Miss Brunette, a charter member and officer of the Houma Guild, passed away in September.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT, Laura Lynch, District Sec.

Two Coaching Conferences were held in October, one at Gueydan on the 10th and the other in Leesville on the 17th. Mrs. Jesse R. Porter, District Chairman of Membership Cultivation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, led a discussion on Membership Cultivation which provided information and suggestions for individuals to use in making work in their own units more effective. Each Guild Chairman used the Evaluation Report forms as a basis for discussing the November report. This proved effective as questions troubling some Guilders were answered.

Grace Lawson, of the Welsh Guild, took a group of young people from the Welsh Methodist Church to a work camp in Mexico in July. A number of Leesville Guilders attended a Layman's School in Leesville conducted by Judge Cutrer of Lake Charles.

MONROE DISTRICT, Mrs. M. W. (Janie) Phillips, Sec.

The annual workshop was held on October 9-10 at lovely Chemin-A-Haut State Park. It was opened Saturday afternoon with a quiet hour led by the Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. A part of the program was devoted to a "Self Study before God." Everything on the program was planned to increase one's interest and spiritual uplift.

The New Orleans District Coaching conference, held September 19th at First Methodist Church under the leadership of Ruth Vega, District Secretary, featured a skit under the direction of Mrs. Violet Jackson, District Chairman, Christian Social Relations, in which "Upgrading" in line with the Economic Opportunity Act was presented. Membership problems were considered through reports from group "Buzz" sessions. The 25th Anniversary goals were presented and a brief history of the early trials in connection with organizing the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild was presented by Mrs. Blanche Wade, District chairman of Supply Work. "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial" was observed in various ways by many of the units; some in cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Members of the New Orleans District take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to their fellow members throughout the Louisiana Conference for their generous help and loving concern during and after hurricane "Betsy".

RUSTON DISTRICT, Sue Batton, District Secretary.

It is indeed a pleasure to have the privilege of writing the Wesleyan Service Guild news from the Ruston District for the first issue of the newly merged paper.

In Homer the Woman's Society celebrated the 25th Anniversary by inviting the Wesleyan Service Guild as special guest. Mrs. G. W. Dameron was the speaker.

Minden Guild of First Methodist Church had a joint dinner meeting with the Woman's Society. Mrs. Edward R. Thomas, wife of the pastor of the church, was guest speaker. Her subject was migrant work. Mrs. Thomas, chairman of the Committee on Ministry to the Migrants, showed colored slides of the special schools for Spanish American migrants and their work and family life while working during the strawberry season. This unit has just completed a very fine study of **Acts** under the direction and leadership of Miss Mary Searles, Chairman of Missionary Education.

Other activities include the District Coaching Conference at Lakeview Methodist Church in Minden, our "Self Study" directed by Mrs. L. C. Aycock, District President of the Woman's Society, a study of the revised Primer, and the gathering of food, clothing, and money to be distributed to refugees in the hurricane stricken area in South Louisiana.

Some units report new members as a result of the joint visitation committee of the Woman's Society and the Guild. We urge this kind of visitation.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT, Sybil Kelly, District Secretary

Many of the Guilds in our District observed the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" in special ways. There were a number of Quiet Breakfasts climaxed with the serving of Holy Communion. One unit used the recording "Scarritt Mosaics." Another, in cooperation with the Woman's Society, depicted real life scenes from the "Emmaus Walk", (Luke 24).

A recent program on the War on Poverty, reported by Mansfield Unit, was high-lighted with a talk by the local President of the Board who asked for cooperation with the State and Federal Governments in the program. They were given a current and vital picture of the progress in their local community in the national project.

A contribution to help hurricane "Betsy" victims in the New Orleans District was sent to Mrs. Ruth Vega, District Secretary.

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MISS MILDRED EVANS

--- INTRODUCING ---

MRS. CHARLES B. McGOWAN

It is my privilege to present to you our Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, MISS MILDRED EVANS, of New Orleans. Mildred comes into this responsibility with a wide experience of service in the church and the business world. She is Secretary-Treasurer of the Third District Homestead Association-an occupation which utilizes her training in accounting, auditing, income tax and commercial law. This same training has equipped her to serve well and in various capacities the American Savings and Loan Institute, including a term as president. She is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Most of us know, appreciate and love Mildred for her service to the Wesleyan Service Guild as District Secretary of the New Orleans District, as conference chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, and, briefly, as Guild Editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. Such service has been duplicated in her local church, the Gentilly Methodist Church, New Orleans. Mildred serves her local Guild as chairman of both the Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation and of Membership Cultivation. She serves her church as teacher in the Adult Department of the Church School, a member of the Commission on Missions and the Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

Certainly, one who comes with such a background of experience and service can lead us to untold heights of achievement, into unlimited fields of service, and to new depths of spiritual enrichment. This Mildred will do in quietness and confidence for she knows that God is with her; and that we, the members of the Louisiana Conference Society of Christian Service, stand ready to follow her leadership in service and support her with our prayers.

Arline Tyler

On June 1, 1966, a new president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will assume the duties of the high office to which she was elected in March at the Annual Meeting of the Society. She is MRS. CHARLES B.McGOWAN, and it is my privilege and honor to introduce her through the medium of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES to the Methodist women of Louisiana.

Mrs. McGowan-her friends call her "Elizabeth" -is a native of Mississippi-West Point and Jackson-and is a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women. She did graduate work in the Teachers College of Columbia University, New York. Her career as a teacher was cut short by her marriage to Mr. Charles B. McGowan, who is the President and part owner of McGowan-Rigby Supplies, Inc., of Baton Rouge. The McGowans make their home in Baton Rouge and are members of the First Methodist Church of that city.

Led by a deep sense of Christian purpose, Mrs. McGowan has responded on many occasions to the call of her Church and the Woman's Society to positions of leadership and service. Experience and knowledge gained as a local vice-president and president, conference secretary of supply work, chairman of the conference committee on nominations, and editor of the conference paper have equipped her in an excellent way for her responsibilities as conference president.

Mrs. McGowan brings to her new office not only the knowledge and skill gained from professional training as a teacher, but the questing mind of one who constantly seeks to enlarge the horizons of her understanding and capability. She brings, too, the seeking heart, whose earnest desire is to grow in the knowledge and experience of God and to respond to His purpose for her life. Her devotion to

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The Secretary's Pen

Dear Friends:

When you read this, our Twentieth Annual Spring Conference in Baton Rouge will be a matter of record and memories. Those pleasant memories will carry a warm feeling of appreciation for the Guild members of Baton Rouge District, the First Methodist Church, and all who helped to make this a significant occasion. Thank You!

OFFICER LIST: Local officers are to be reported on proper form and directed as instructed. These forms will be available from your District Secretary and official form will come with the evaluation report. Both are important. District officers are to be reported as soon as election is held. The persons listed on these forms are our means of communication from conference to district to local. They are important and essential. Report accurately! Be prompt!

PLEDGE TO MISSIONS: We are urging each individual and every Guild unit to make that all out effort in giving to Missions. April 25th will be the deadline for the report of the local treasurer. If we meet our pledge this year, we will have achieved that Twenty-fifth Anniversary Goal- a 25% increase in giving. This will mean sacrificial giving for most of us. Are we willing?

EVALUATION REPORT: These will be due May 10th. Is there any reason we cannot expect a report from every Guild in Louisiana? District Secretaries continue your efforts in this goal. This may be the time you will have 100% reporting in your district. I believe it will.

JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND, June 17-19, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Our quota is 14. The Registration Fee is $2.00. Only those being housed on the mountain will have the privilege of eating in the cafeteria. Register with your Conference Secretary.

REGIONAL SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION, June 20-24, S.M.U., Dallas, Texas. All conference officers and chairmen have the privilege of attending the Regional School.

CONFERENCE GUILD WEEKEND, July 22-24, Centenary College. Conference School of Christian Mission, July 18-22, Centenary College. Make plans to attend both. They are essential to effective service.

To those conference officers and district secretaries whose term expires June 1st, we want you to know that the seed you planted and nurtured will continue to bear fruit and increase the harvest. Thank you for your loyalty and your service. We wish for each of you continued joy in Christian service through the Guild and our church.

The newly elected officers are qualified and dedicated women. Each is interested in the Guild member as an individual as well as the promotion of the work of the guild as an organization. But they can be only as effective as those who serve in the local units and in the district. Do your best in the local unit! Support your district and conference officers! Together we will reach a new breadth, and depth, and height in our Wesleyan Service Guild.

My closing word is that if someone has been brought into a closer fellowship with Christ; if someone has found a new joy in living; if someone's load has been lifted and his path a little brighter; if some area of the Guild work has become a little stronger; and if a foundation has been laid on which those who come after can build with confidence-then will these four years as your Conference Secretary have been years of joyous service to Christ through

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GUILD NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. C.R. Matthews, speaker, and Miss Sybil Kelly, District Secretary of the Shreveport District Wesleyan Service Guild at the Annual Fellowship Dinner of Shreveport District.

All Districts report plans in progress for Annual Spring District Meetings in April. Studies have been held by many units in all of the Districts, many in cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In January, Guild Month was observed by the Districts in many and varied ways; among them the annual Citizenship Brunch in Baton Rouge District on January 23 at First Methodist Church, with Dr. Rodney Cline, Professor of Education at Louisiana State University as the speaker; the Annual Book Review in New Orleans District on January 23 at First Methodist Church, with Mrs. Clyde Frazer as the reviewer; the Annual Fellowship Dinner in Shreveport District on January 28 at Magnum Memorial Methodist Church, with Mrs. C. R. Matthews, Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, as the speaker.

Two new units have been organized in two of the Districts; one, in Lake Charles District at Leesville. This is a second unit composed of younger women in the local church with Vernis Simms as President. Miss Laura Lynch, District Secretary, reports the organization of this unit as the result of extensive visitation by the Leesville Guilders over a period of time. Mrs. Janie H. Phillips, District Secretary, reports a new unit in the Monroe District at McGuire Church in West Monroe which she states "shows great promise."

A Note from Estelle Dameron

To the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and especially to the Conference Guild Committee, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the four years of service we have shared together. For your unfailing thoughtfulness and many courtesies, for the warmth of your friendship, for the privilege of sharing in the plans for the Guild, I am most grateful.

The generous gift to missions given in my honor at the recent Spring Meeting will remain one of the cherished memories of my life. "In honor, preferring one another", you have blessed many by your recognition of others, and I am indebted to you. I look forward with keen anticipation to a continuing relationship with the Guild as I serve on the Conference Guild Committee for another year.

Estelle Dameron

GUILD ELECTS OFFICERS

Miss Maree White

of Opelousas, Conference Recording Secretary

Miss Maree White is a school teacher by profession. She earned her B.A. at Southwestern, Lafayette and her M.A. at Louisiana State University. She is a charter member of the Opelousas Guild and was Lafayette District Secretary from June, 1958, through May, 1962. In July 1963, Maree was elected Recording Secretary of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Thomas "Boots" Guthrie, Jr.

Miss Elizabeth Langford

of Monroe Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations

Miss Elizabeth Langford is active in her local church in all phases of its program and has long been associated with the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. She was one of the hostesses for the First Annual Meeting of the Guild when it was held in Monroe in 1951. She served as editor of GUILD TIMES from 1957 until this publication was merged with the LOUISIANA CONFERENCE NEWS to become CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES in January, 1966. She has served the Conference well and brings to her new task a thorough knowledge of Guild work. Elizabeth is the owner and manager of Letter Service Bureau in Monroe, Louisiana.

Mrs. Milton Baldridge

of New Orleans Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation

Mrs. Milton "Louise" Baldridge has a background of service to her church, community, and parish. She has organized three Guilds and served as their President. Among many other services to The Methodist Church are teaching in the church school, serving on the Official Board, and as Chairman of the Commission on Education, and singing in the choir. She has served as Treasurer and Secretary of Missionary Education in the New Orleans District Wesleyan Service Guild and on the Conference Nominating Committee. From June 1961 through May, 1965, she served as District Secretary in New Orleans and is presently the President of St. Luke's Guild.

Louise is a charter member of the East Jefferson Business and Professional Women's Club. She is a member of a Home Demonstration Club. She has organized Garden Clubs, serving as their president and was historian for the Louisiana Garden Club Federation for 1959-61. The Baldriges, ardent plant hobbyists, belong to several garden groups. Louise is employed at Godchaux Sugar Refining Company and Mr. Baldridge is "Supervisor in Delivery Operations" with Humble Oil Company.

GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

The 15th Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened March 5, at 1 o'clock at the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding.

A highlight of the meeting was the election of officers: Miss Mildred Evans of New Orleans, Conference Secretary (article on page 1), Miss Maree White of Opelousas, Recording Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Langford of Monroe, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Milton Baldridge of New Orleans, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, and Mrs. G. W. Dameron of Pineville, member-at-large from the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Miss Jerry Beck of Mansfield was appointed Guild Editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES; Miss Elizabeth Lowery of Mansfield was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

On Saturday evening Mr. Tom Matheny, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader, and an attorney from Hammond Louisiana, was the featured speaker at a banquet. Honorariums were presented to the retiring officers, Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary; Miss Maree White, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Alvin "Bee" Sandefur, Chairman, Christian Social Relations; and Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman, Spiritual Life Cultivation.

At the breakfast on Sunday morning, Mrs. W.E. Trice gave the meditation on "God's Peculiar People". Miss Elizabeth Langford and Mrs. Clayton "Emma" Mainous were elected voting delegates to the Jurisdictional Guild Weekend to be held June 17-19, at Mt. Sequoyah.

Mrs. G.W. Dameron, President, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, installed the newly elected officers in a very impressive service entitled "There Came A Woman," giving to each of the officers the insignia of their office.

The retiring conference secretary, Miss Arline Tyler, presented her report in which she reminisced on the history of the Guild from the year of its organization in 1943 to the present time, outlining the growth and changes occurring through the years.

With Mrs. Clayton Mainous, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, as Program Chairman and Mrs. Joseph "Gail" Rountree, Chairman of General Arrangements for Baton Rouge District, every detail of the weekend gave direction to the theme, "For He Has Chosen Me-For the Living of These Days."

The entire membership deeply appreciates the work of the Baton Rouge District in hostessing this our 15th Annual Spring Conference.

Louisiana Conference School Of Christian Mission

Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana – July 18-22, 1966

THEME: *"Christian Being And Doing"*

UNITED STUDY

AFFLUENCE AND POVERTY: DILEMMA FOR CHRISTIANS

LEADERS:	**Mrs. Alfredo Nanez**	**Mission, Texas**
	Miss Louise Killingsworth	**Clarksdale, Mississippi**
	Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy	**Lake Charles, Louisiana**
	Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn	**New Orleans, Louisiana**
	Reverend J. Philip Woodland	**New Orleans, Louisiana**

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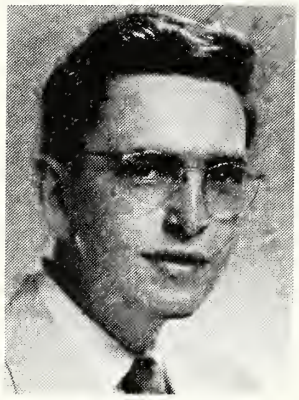
LEADER:	**Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy**	**Shreveport, Louisiana**



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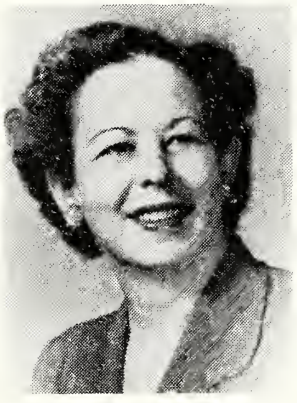

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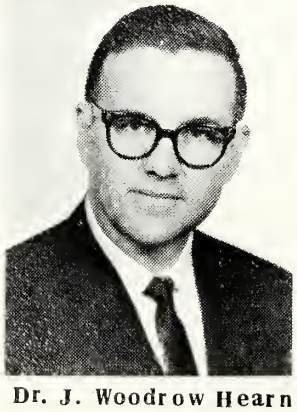

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn

The format of the 1965 School of Christian Mission was well liked by Louisiana women who said, in evaluation, "There was a feeling of unity and spontaneity throughout the school." "We appreciated the opportunity for really good discussion." The same format is retained this year. Two topics are presented as a unified study--under one theme: "Christian Being and Doing." ALL students will participate in FOUR approaches to the unified study study each day. The four approaches are: the plenary session, the application groups, the Bible conversation groups, and the Bible Study. The entire teaching staff will work together with Mrs. W.E. Trice, coordinator of the 1966 school, to plan the daily plenary sessions. With this type format the varying background experiences and preparation of members of the teaching staff can be drawn into the program so that all students have opportunity for enrichment from all members of the staff. The teaching staff is introduced below:

Mrs. Trice, coordinator, is the Recording Secretary of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the wife of Dr.W.E. Trice, pastor of Reiley Memorial University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge has been "home" to Reverend J. Philip Woodland much of his life. He attended public schools there, graduated from L.S.U. in 1950, and later served as the pastor of the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. He holds a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Yale University School of Divinity. Reverend and Mrs. Woodland, with their 3 children, are now in New Orleans where he is the pastor of the St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Miss Louise Killingsworth, of Mississippi, has served as a missionary under The Methodist Church in Cuba, China, and Malaysia. While serving in China she experienced both internment by the Japanese (for 7 months in 1943) and service under a Communist government. The later eventually became untenable. Miss Killingsworth and her sister, also a missionary, requested transfer from the World Division to the National Division of the Board of Missions in order that they might work in Mississippi. Since April of 1965 they have served as deaconesses in Central Jurisdiction churches of Upper Mississippi Conference at local, district and conference level.

Mrs. George W. Pomeroy is a local woman in the Woman's Society who has had experience as a Conference Officer. She is the wife of a Methodist Minister. She is an experienced teacher, a Mother,

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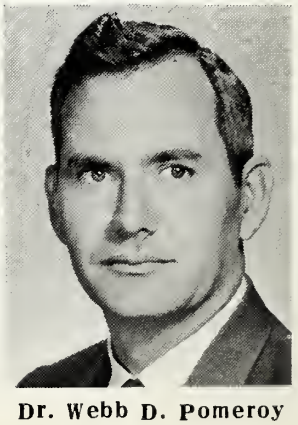
Miss Louise Killingsworth

Mrs. Alfredo Nanez



Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy

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a clubwoman, and is presently President of the Juvenile Council of Lake Charles and Vice President of United Church Women of Louisiana.

Mrs. Alfredo Nanez, wife of the pastor of the El Mesias Methodist Church in Mission, Texas, is a member of the Board of Missions. Mrs. Nanez has been a teacher in the public schools of Rio Grande City in Texas, and was, for 14 years head of the Spanish Department of Saint Mary's Hall in San Antonio. One of the many interesting services Mrs. Nanez has given is that of translating texts of the studies into Spanish for use by congregations of the Rio Grande Conference.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, pastor of the Elysian Fields Methodist Church in New Orleans, earned his Doctor's degree from the Boston University School of Theology. He has served the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church in Lafayette and as Associate Pastor in Charge of Education at First Methodist Church in Shreveport. Dr. Hearn is the chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns and has participated in a number of national conferences aimed at exploring in depth the social issues that should be of special concern to Christians. The Hearns have 4 children--3 boys and a girl.

Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy is professor and head of the department of religion at Centenary College in Shreveport. An ordained Methodist minister and a member of the Louisiana Conference, he has served as pastor of the Deerford Methodist and the Ellerbe Road Methodist Church. He is presently on the staff of the First Methodist Church in Shreveport as minister of adult education. During World War II, Dr. Pomeroy served in the Pacific Theatre as a chaplain for the United States Navy. Dr. and Mrs. Pomeroy have a family of four children.

Texts And Basic Materials For Study

For "Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians"

Text: NEED IS OUR NEIGHBOR by Byron Johnson

Supplementary Books:

WEALTH AND WANT IN ONE WORLD edited by M. Webb

THIS IS THE PUZZLE OF POVERTY by Jeanette Struchen

DIGNITY OF THEIR OWN by William Koch, Jr.

KEEPERS OF THE POOR by J. Edward Carothers

Guide: Study-Action Manual on "Affluence and Poverty" by Mildred M. Hermann

For "James and I Peter"

Text: CHRISTIAN BEING AND DOING, by Clifford Edwards

Guide: by Ethelene Sampley

Your Bible

REGISTRATION fee will be $4.00, which includes insurance; room and board at Centenary for the week will be $17.00--a total of $21.00. Registration blanks, available in May, will be mailed to Presidents of Woman's Societies and Guild Units AND TO LOCAL PASTORS. Advance registration is necessary. Blanks with the $4.00 fee should reach Miss Arline Tyler, 702 E. Washington, Shreveport--71104, by July 1, if possible.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMISSIONS: Because of the urgency of the topics for study and because several sessions will place special emphasis on methods of joint planning for church-wide studies in the local church, the committee voted to open the school this year to chairmen of commissions on missions and commissions on Christian Social Concerns at both the district and local level. Housing for men and for couples will be available on campus, but since space is limited, these rooms will be assigned on a "first come - first served" basis.

Program

School of Christian Mission

Monday, July 18

9:00 - 12:00 Purchase meal tickets; pay room rent-James Darmitory

1:45 P.M. Assembly and Plenary Session

3:30 P.M. Application Groups

Evening Meal

7:00 P.M. Introduction to the Bible Study

Tuesday through Thursday--morning;
Tuesday and Wednesday--afternoon,

6:30 A.M. Morning Devotians

Breakfost

8:45 A.M. Plenary Session

Application Groups

Lunch

2:00 P.M. Officer Responsibility Groups intensive help with specific responsibilities for officers and secretaries of lines of work, Woman's Society and Guild.

3:15 P.M. Special Interest Groups

1. The Work of the Nominating Committee-Waman's Society and Guild--Mrs. C.R. McCammon.
2. The Inclusive Church--Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn
3. Methods of Joint Planning for Church Wide Studies Mrs. Garland Dean. Open to District Missionary Secretaries District Chairmen of Christian Social Concerns, District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service for both Society and Guild, and others with special responsibility for planning at the district level.
4. Leaders of Bible Conversations Graups-Dr. Webb D. Pameray.

Thursday Afternoon, July 21

2:00 P.M. Special Emphasis on Questions of Finance--Society and Guild--Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher

3:15 P.M. Presenting the new Adult Curriculum Dr. J. Henry Bowden

3:30 P.M. Findings from the special interest group of "joint planning" will be shared with the entire school plus additional local commission chairmen who may be oble to come for this session only.

The Evening Schedule--Tuesday through Thursday

7:00 P.M. Bible Conversation Groups--where answers will be sought to questions provided as a guide for study.

7:45 P.M. The Bible Study Summary-Dr. Webb D. Pomeroy

Friday Morning

6:30 A.M. Morning Devotions- Breakfost-Plenary Session Application Groups--Dismissed directly from Application Groups

Guild Weekend

Mrs. Clayron G. Mainous, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service for the Guild, is program chairman for the Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend to be held at Centenary College, July 22 - 24, 1966. The theme will be: "BE STRONG - STAND UP - SPEAK OUT". The program is outlined as follows:

Friday - July 22

4:00 P.M. Registration-James Dormitory

8:00-9:00 Fellowship

9:00 P.M. Meditation

Saturday - July 23

7:00 A.M. Morning Watch-Greek Ampitheater

7:30 A.M. Breakfast

8:00 A.M. Registration continued

8:00 A.M. Literature Room-- 117 James--will be open

9:00 A.M. General Session-Miss Mildred Evans, presiding Following the singing of a Hymn (No.300) this session will include prayer, introductions, announcements, a report from CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES and a message from an outstanding speaker.

10:00 A.M. Officer Responsibility Groups

11:45 A.M. Officer Responsibility Groups (second session)

12:15 Lunch

1:45 P.M. General Session

2:00 P.M. Present Studies

Application Graups

7:00 P.M. Graup Singing

7:30 P.M. Address "Christian Being and Doing"

Sunday, July 24th

7:00 A.M. Morning Watch

7:30 A.M. Breakfast

8:30 A.M. General Sessian-A Panel

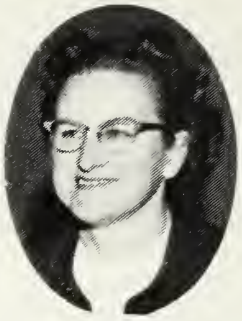
9:30 A.M. Business

10:30 A.M. Warship

12:15 Lunch-----and adjaurn

Mrs. Robert Reich

Mrs. Carl Gallaher



Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.

Mrs. R. M. Bingham

Woman's Society Of Christian Service Elects Officers

(See Page I for picture and introduction of Mrs. C. B. McGowan, newly elected President. Mrs. John Oldham, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel is pictured on page seven.)

Mrs. L. C. Aycock

MRS. R.M. BINGHAM, of Simsboro, Louisiana, is your newly elected CONFERENCE SECRETARY FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY. Many of you know her through her work with Youth Assembly, youth council, and the youth work of the Ruston District. Before coming to Louisiana she was youth director for the Y.W.C.A. in Lansing, Michigan, and, for an interim period, director of a Wesley Foundation in Minnesota. She has held positions in Woman's Society at local, zone and district level and is presently secretary for campus ministry of the Ruston District. Eleanor enjoys reading and her writing hobby recently paid off when she sold a story to JACK AND JILL MAGAZINE. The Binghams have four children--a son, now married, a daughter in college, and two daughters in high school.

The newly elected CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF PROGRAM MATERIALS just happens to have a degree in library science; in fact, MRS. ROBERT REICH spent a year in Berlin, Germany as an army librarian right after the second world war. This probably was NOT a factor in her election, but it IS a point of interest as are the facts that she is a musician, a collector of dolls (750 at last count--many of them antique) and a very active worker in both P.T.A. and The Methodist Church. She has served in many local offices and in the District Woman's Society as Secretary of Missionary Education and, most recently, as Secretary of Membership Cultivation. Her husband is Professor of Landscape Architecture at L.S.U. The Reichs have four children.

Dear to the hearts of both Society and Guild members is MRS. CARL A. GALLAHER, CONFERENCE TREASURER serving both Society and Guild for the past four years - and now elected to serve another two years. Hazel is known Conference wide for her warm, personal reports and inspiring pledge services. She has served in New Orleans District as Secretary of Supply Work, Secretary of Membership Cultivation, and, for four years, as District President. In 1960-61, Mrs. Gallaher was named the outstanding laywoman in the New Orleans District. She is an active member of the Board of Directors of the St. Mark's Community Center and served as president for two years. A wife, a mother, and a grandmother--Hazel still finds time for gardening, particularly with flowers.

MRS. JOHN L. HOWE, JR., newly elected SECRETARY OF SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION, is the wife of the director of MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma, Louisiana. She has served the past four years as Conference Secretary for Campus Ministry and is the editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. The Howes have 4 children and Coy lists her hobbies as travel and camping with the family and writing.

MRS. L. C. AYCOCK, a lifelong resident of Louisiana, has lived in Ruston since 1937. She has held nearly every office in her local society, has been the former Conference Secretary of Student Work, and a former Ruston District Secretary of Promotion. She is the retiring President of the Ruston District and is the CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF SUPPLY--elect. The Aycocks have one daughter and 3 grand-daughters--and Tootsey says spare time has a way of going into the taking up and letting out of hems. The Aycocks love to travel and fish.

Mrs. McGowan (Continued From Page One)

The Methodist Church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild are undergirded by a gentleness of spirit, a love for people, and commitment to a noble task.

This is your New President. Under her capable leadership, and with the support, love, and prayers of all the Societies and Guilds, the Louisiana Conference will rise to new heights of accomplishment in the next four years.

Mrs.G.W. Dameron

Secretary's Pen (Continued From Page Two)

you and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Thank you for the privilege of serving. To the members of the Conference Guild Committee and to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Society goes my deepest gratitude. Thanks to Guild members throughout our conference for your prayers, your support, and your every kindness.

Lovingly, Arline Tyler

The President's Corner

Within a few days after you receive this paper, something more than 4,500 women, representing the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana, will assume their duties as local, district, and conference officers, secretaries, and chairmen. The volunteer service which these women will give is the greatest source of strength and wealth available to the Society and Guild. The leadership provided and the service given, without thought of reward or remuneration, is, at once, the genius and finest asset of organized Methodist women. It is my hope and belief that the dedicated Christian leadership of more than 4,500 women, who have assumed official responsibilities will bring the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild to their finest hours in the 1966-67 conference year.

As I write this last message as your conference president, I do so with keen awareness of the debt of gratitude I owe the women of Louisiana for having elected me to this office. The privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities which have come to me in the last four years have provided avenues for personal growth and enrichment in the Christian life which could not have come in any other way.

For the honor of wearing the lovely sustaining Membership pin, which represents a one thousand dollar gift to missions, I am deeply grateful. In addition, your generous gifts made it possible for the Conference Society to honor my husband with a Patron Membership. We are both humble and proud that, while we wear the outward symbols of your generosity, your gifts are being used in the great missionary enterprise of our Church.

May the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild be one that shall truly "grow in knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and that shall respond to God's redemptive purpose for all mankind."

ESTELLE DAMERON

Jurisdiction Missionary Conference

Do you know of a young person who is contemplating service in the field of missions as a vocation? Alert him or her to the South Central Jurisdiction Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 1-4, 1966. This program is designed to provide a living contact with missionaries, with missionary minded leaders in the church, and to create a wholesome opportunity for youth to make friends with these persons and with youth their own age.

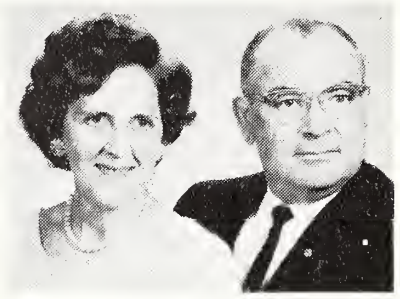
The YOUTH SECTION (1 delegate per District from each Annual Conference in South Central Jurisdiction) will include young people who are juniors or seniors in high school or first year in college who are interested in missions

The STUDENT SECTION (2 students and 2 alternates from each Annual Conference) will include students who are college sophomores or above by September, 1966. They should be interested in a church related occupation either full-time or short-term, active in Wesley Foundation, the Methodist Student Movement, or the church at the campus, and --they should be responsible citizens, sensitive to the needs of others, open minded, with capacity for growth, emotionally stable and creative. Look for top young people to go as delegates. Detailed information may be obtained from: Reverend Virgil D. Morris, 2400 N.W. 23rd Oklahoma City, Oklahoma or from Mrs. Charles Giessen, P.O. Box 86, Downsville, Louisiana.71234

1966 Mission Tour

The fifth annual Mission Tour sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held in the summer of 1966 from July 18-30. The itinerary will include several stops in the Mid-West with particular emphasis on mission projects in the Chicago area.

The tour directors will be Mr. & Mrs. John Oldham of Baton Rouge. Mr. Oldham, a chemical engineer for Humble Oil Company, is the District Director of Youth Work for the Baton Rouge District. Mrs. Oldham is the newly elected Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Oldhams have four children of their own, and through the years, have been active in all phases of the Church's program with youth. This will be the third conference tour which they have directed.



Mr. and Mrs. JOHN OLDHAM Tour Directors

The cost of the tour will be $85.00 for each member. This includes meals and transportation. Overnight stops are made at the projects visited or in churches along the route. This necessitates sleeping bags or bed rolls.

Selection of tour members will be made by a committee from applications received. An applicant must be a junior or senior in high school or of college age and active in his church or student group.

Application blanks will be mailed in April to all local presidents of the Woman's Society and to all pastors. These blanks should be filled out and returned to Mrs. John Oldham, 10465 Cedarlane Drive, Baton Rouge, by May 20, 1966. Those selected as tour members will be notified by June 15, 1966.

Participation in the Mission Tour has proven to be a revealing and inspiring experience. Many young people have commented on the new understanding of the ministry of the Church which has come to them as a result of seeing the church at work in so many varied ways. A real sense of Christian fellowship has been developed among tour members.

Societies and churches are urged to inform their young people concerning this tour and to encourage applications from those who will derive the most benefit from it.

Additional information may be obtained from Mr.. & Mrs. Oldham and from the chairman of the Committee on Tours, Mrs. C.R. McCammon, 112 Arnould Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana.

ATTENTION!

All Members of Women's Societies
Please send articles, pictures, and/or other that you are willing to share and that may be of historical interest to South Central Jurisdiction Women's Society to our jurisdiction historian, Mrs. A.R. Marquardt,
1130 South 47th
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510
THANK YOU!

Guild Officers Reports

Christian Social Relations

Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur

Looking back upon the past four years, the work we have done together seems little, yet so much has been accomplished - perhaps more study than action. And so we must look forward to the great task of putting into action the study we have had. To this task we, as Christian women, must dedicate ourselves today. We must dedicate our minds to be intelligent citizens of the world, and must learn to understand the political, social, and economic questions that face us today. Let us dedicate our hearts to learning and teaching the international understanding and good will which must undergird the structure of peace. Let us dedicate our strength and time to the difficult but splendid task of creating a future of justice.

Let us face this responsibility humbly, aware of its greatness, but accept it gladly, confident that He who is our example will grant us the wisdom and courage to serve Him aright.

Missionary Education And Service

Mrs. C.G. (Emma) Mainous, Chairman

Our reports for the year 1965-1966 show a great deal of change in our studies. The new freedom in study seems to have stimulated thinking and imagination. There is still some confusion in reporting studies. Just keep in mind, report only those studies that are complete at the time you are making your report, Be sure to give the number of sessions and the number of hours used in study. This information will make it possible for your District Chairman to correctly report your study.

The 1965 Annual Report is just off the press. The 192 page volume is an important first, the first BOARD OF MISSIONS' ANNUAL REPORT, complete in one volume. This up-to-date report of Mission Work and the 32 pages of pictures showing Mission Work at home and abroad will prove invaluable in your work. Another valuable feature is a set of papers from a Theological Conference in 1965 on the aim of Missions. To secure a copy of this report send $1.50 to: Service Center, Methodist Board of Missions, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. The supply is limited.

Our School of Missions theme this year, "Christian Being and Doing", challenges us to be a part of the "Doing". Have you made plans to attend School of Missions this year? If not, why not make the necessary changes in your schedule and plan to attend.

If your Unit feels that they want to help the people in Vietnam as so many Methodists are doing, this is possible through MCOR or Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. This organization, along with other such organizations, is coordinating Methodism's share in providing food, clothing, medicine, and trained relief personnel. For detailed information about Vietnam Relief Work and how Methodists can participate in it, write: Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 10027.

Spiritual Life Cultivation

Mildred Evans, Chairman

The Spiritual Life Study Retreat at Hodges Gardens, Many, Louisiana, January 29-30, 1966 was a meaningful experience for those attending. Through our leader, Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, we were led "To discover some of the ways in which God's hand is in our lives and how this is "Better Than A Known Way."

I would call your attention to the 1966-1967 Recommendations, particularly that concerning Spiritual Life Cultivation - "That we may find spiritual renewal and fulfillment let the membership of the Guild make use of the resource material, observe the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial and other special observances as Retreats, Time-A-Part, and Self-Study."

And, now, may I express my thanks to all of the Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairmen for all of their help and cooperation throughout these years as your Conference Chairman? I appreciate this more than I can say. It has been wonderful working with all of you, but without your prayers, your help, patience, cooperation, and understanding, I could not have done this. Thank you, most sincerely, for the opportunity afforded me to serve you, and for everything.

SUPPLY WORK

Dorothy Dunbar, Chairman

The Wesleyan Service Guild Supply Askings for World Missions has been met by our conference. Even though all Guilds have not contributed our request from the Jurisdiction has been met and overpaid.

Our National Supply Askings are for an institution here in our conference - MacDonnell Methodist Center in Houma. If your Guild Unit is among those who have not met their askings won't you please do so this last quarter? Surely we are concerned over an institution that is right here at home and we will meet the balance of $325.56 that is lacking.

Our other asking is only $2.00 per Guild Unit, each conference year, for the Magazine and Picture Fund. As a business and professional woman you are aware of the help you receive for illustrations in your class rooms. Can we count on your unit to come through with this contribution on your final treasurer's report?

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What Happened To Your Paper?

This is the third issue of Christian Service Times, and, though it comes to you in September, it is the summer—or July—issue. Had it come to you in July it could not have carried news of Guild Weekend or any of a number of special items from the Conference Guild Officers. The dates suggested for the receiving of news simply were not feasible in view of their scheduling of events. By the time all materials could be readied, the editor had left town! The committee (or part of it) met in Dallas and planned, on this issue and the next, to gather the material it seems most important for you to have and get the papers to you as they are ready even though they are most "off schedule". So please don't feel your paper was lost or something. The issue is actually this late and you have not missed an issue.

The committee made some further recommendations which may interest you:

1. That the **Christian Service Times'** year run from June 1 to May 31 (Starting June 1, 1967.)
2. That those subscribing after June 1 will receive only the remaining issues for that subscription year.
3. Miss Arline Tyler and Miss Adeline Durham have been asked to serve as co-business managers in charge of promotion and subscription for the Guild.
4. Dates for the paper will probably remain flexible, but, in general, issues will reach you in:
    a. Late July or Early August — Information on Studies and on Guild Weekend.
    b. Late September — Promotional material from Conference Officers — Help for the local officer in doing her job.
    c. Early January — Information on Annual Meetings.
    d. Late April — Information on School of Christian Mission and on Guild Weekend.

This issue is the 4th and last of this subscription year. (One issue of **Guild Times** was counted as a part of the year). With the next issue the subscription of all who "signed up" at District and zone meetings last spring — will start. PLEASE CHECK THE ADDRESS ON THIS ENVELOPE. DO WE HAVE YOUR ZIP CODE? After January 1, **NO** copy of **Christian Service Times** will be mailed out without the zip code. If we do not have yours, please send on a post card, your correct name and address — with zip code — to:

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Mooringsport
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New Editor For The Wesleyan Service Guild

Miss Marilynn Jane Carter

The new Guild Editor of **Christian Service Times** is Miss Marilynn Jane Carter, replacing Miss Jerry Beck, who had to relinquish the office because of her health.

Marilynn's Guild membership dates from 1950 when she became a charter member of the New Iberia unit and she has served in nearly every local office. She was the first District Secretary of the Lafayette District, an office she held from the time the district was established in 1954 to the completion of a four-year term.

From 1958 to 1962 she served as Conference Recording Secretary, and for the next four years she was chairman of the Conference Committee on Nominations.

Marilynn was presented a Special Membership by the New Iberia Guild, and an Honorary Life Membership by the Conference Guild upon completion of her term as as Recording Secretary.

She has been active in the local church, having served as Chairman of the Commission on Missions for four years and as Secretary of the Official Board in the New Iberia Church for six years.

For the last three years her Church and Guild memberships have been in the Louisiana Memorial Methdist Church in Opelousas.

During these three years she has been a member of the faculty of the Business Training Department of the T. H. Harris Vocational-Technical School in Opelousas. She has a B. A. Degree in Education from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and is working toward her Master's Degree at Louisiana State University.

Before entering the teaching profession Marilynn worked in the field of accounting for twelve years in New Iberia.

The Secretary's Pen
Wesleyan Service Guild

Dear Friends:

When you read this our Annual Guild weekend will be a matter of record. All of you who shared the responsibility of making the program the success that it it was have our deep appreciation. We are grateful to the Shreveport District for the many courtesies shown to all of us during our weekend.

Those of you who were not there were missed. We hope that you will read about the events of our program, appearing elsewhere in this issue and that you will make plans to be with us next year. This is your Guild and it ean only be suecessful and meaningful and move forward with your presence and service.

It is a privilege and an honor for me to serve as your Conference Secretary. It is with humility that I pledge my cooperation and assistance to each of you in the work to which we have been ealled.

I covet the prayers, support, and cooperation of all of you. It is with these that we can continue the good work that has gone before.

To those of you who have closed a period of service in some eapacity — local, distriet, or conference — we are grateful. To those of you continuing or beginning a a service in some capacity on one of these levels, we pray that you will find joy and that you will be enriched and uplifted through responsible serviee in the Guild.

With love,
Mildred Evans

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New District Secretary In Lake Charles

Mrs. S. W. (Marguerite) Spell, newly elected District Secretary of the Lake Charles Distriet Wesleyan Service Guild is proudly introduced to the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilders by her district.

Mrs. S. W. Spell

Marguerite is not unknown to this part of the state as she grew up in Welsh and continues to have a host of friends there, and throughout this area. She has been a Guilder since 1937, although most of those years were spent in Beaumont, Texas, where she served in all offices and ehairmanships. While there she also worked in the church choir and served as secretary and pianist in the primary department. Since moving to DeRidder she has been a member of the Susie Jones Guild and has served as recording secretary, first viee-president, and is now ehairman of Supply Work. She is a member of First Methodist Chureh and is a member of the choir.

In addition to her guild work, Marguerite is a member of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, with a membership in that organization since 1947. Her hobbies inelude working in ceramics, gardening, sewing, and playing the organ and piano. She likes to travel, and does quite a bit of it as she is secretary to her husband, "Dub", whose business as a Motel Broker takes them out of town quite often.

District work is new to Marguerite, but she knows that with the support of the members, and the help and prayers of all of you — and with God's help — it will be made easier for her.

Annual Guild Weekend

Our Annual Guild Weekend was spent on the beautiful campus of Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, July 22, 23, 24, 1966.

Our program theme was "CALLED TO . . . BE STRONG! . . . STAND UP! . . . SPEAK OUT!"

Beginning with the evening meditation on Friday, our hearts were lifted in study, song, and prayer.

The theme message delivered by Dr. D. L. Dykes, Pastor, First Methodist Chureh, Shreveport, Louisiana, on Saturday morning set the tone for our weekend and gave us a renewed awareness of our responsibility in the world as Christian women. Eaeh person earrying a speeial part performed her task with a fine sense of responsibility.

Mrs. Hazel Dabney, South Central Jurisdiction Guild Secretary, presented the study "Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians", bringing us a greater realization of, not only the need for this study, but the need for the entire church — men, women, and ehildren — to join hands and hearts in working forthe elimintaion of this "Dilemma".

Dr. A. C. Voran, Director, Centenary College Choir and Associate Professor of Music Literature, in his usual and unique way provided us with moments of seriousness and fun on Saturday evening in our "Fellowship in Song".

Dr. Webb Pomeroy, Professor of Bible, Centenary College, in his presentation of the study "Christian Being and Doing" challenged us to the need, not only for faith, but for a living faith, resulting in Christian action— "Doing".

Our panel on Sunday morning, with Mrs. Hazel Dabney were: Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Presisdent, Louisiana Conferenee Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Treasurer, Louisiana Conference Woman's Soeiety of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, and Miss Mildren Evans, Secretary, Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, was informative and interesting.

In her own inimitable way, Miss Arline Tyler, Delegate to the Assembly in Portland, Oregon, portrayed the events, making the program, whose theme was "Called to Renewal and Service", come alive for us.

Among persons of special interest, with us for the weekend, were Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Director of Business Girls' Inn in Shreveport; Miss Margaret Field, Deaconess and Nurse at the Methodist Home-Hospital in New Orleans; Mrs. John Howe, wife of the Direetor of MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma; and Mrs. Bessie V. Fairley, Educational Consultant at the Methodist Children's Home in Houston. We were brought closer to these Methodist projects as each of these persons shared with us the work they are doing and just what each place does to help those in their care to a happier life.

Attendanee at Guild Weekend was as follows: Alexandria 11; Baton Rouge 13; Lafayette 9; Lake Charles 8; Monroe 22; New Orleans 24; Ruston 5; Shreveport 45 and Conference Guests 8; a total of 145 members and guests, representing 44 units. Among the members was one member-at-large. A most ehallenging weekend was concluded with a beautiful song "My Task" rendered by Miss Jerry Beck of Mansfield, accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Oseland of Monroe, and the message of Rev. Henry C. Blount, Jr., Assoeiate Pastor, First Methodist Church, Shreveport, in whieh we were truly made aware of the meaning of our theme "CALLED TO . . . BE STRONG! . . . STAND UP! . . . SPEAK OUT!"

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New Orleans District welcomes its new Distriet Secretary, Mrs. W. Lester (Elizabeth) Beard. Elizabeth is a member of First Methodist Church and has served her Guild unit there as President. Wherever there is a need for service in Guild work, both locally and on a district level, you will find Elizabeth cheerfully working. Mrs. Beverly Biehler is newly eleeted District Chairman of Missionary Education and Service. Beverly is a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church. She, too, may be called upon at all times to serviee the Guild, both locally and on a distriet level.

A Look At The Studies For The Coming Year

Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Conference Chairman, Missionary Education and Service—Wesleyan Service Guild.

When you hear the news on TV or Radio, read the newspaper or any current publication there is one item that is outstanding in all areas of news. This is "Poverty".

Our Federal Government has instituted a program to help all of our citizens to a better way of life. We may not agree with the program but it is our responsibility to be informed about all issues and certainly one that affects PEOPLE as this program does.

Then, you have a responsibility as a CHRISTIAN. This is people we are dealing with, not stocks and bonds or political issues. Here we must step up and be counted. Dr. Dykes, in his message at Guild Weekend, said that we must SPEAK out and BRAVELY with LOVE. Ask yourself the question, Are you your "Brother's Keeper", or your "Brother's Brother"? Our studies "Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians" and "Christian Being and Doing" offer a wealth of related materials that will certainly help us to decide what our church, our community, and most important of all, what we are going to do about this all important question.

Your catalog of material lists the resource materials and your daily newspapers and all publications carry current information that can be used. It is interesting to follow our studies and note that regardless of the subject it is always current.

If the 'Committee on Mission Studies" does not plan a study that you can participate in, then you should go right ahead with your own plans for study. Do keep in mind the suggested "Goals for Excellence".

As we study "Affluence and Poverty" along with "Need Is Our Neighbor" we will find ourselves with mixed feelings but the result will be a 'Christian Being and Doing".

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Missionary Education and Service

Wesleyan Service Guild
Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Conference Chairman

As you plan for your new year you will find yourself faced with many changes. We all know that we must have changes. We must go forward or slip back, there is no ledge for stopping. You will find the changes a challenge to you as you seek ways to put them into effect. The new committee on mission studies will make our study program more inclusive and should leave more time for Chairman to develop the "SERVICE" that has been added to Missionary Education. The May issue of **The Methodist Woman** carries information about the "New Committee on Mission Studies".

You will want to include Missionary letters in your program this year. This is an excellent source of material for reporting at unit meetings and keeping the members informed and in touch with our Missionaries. If you would like to get on the mailing list to receive these letters, write to Miss Virginia Henry, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York.

See page 179 of the 1965 Report of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church for the article "New Thrusts in the Theology and Life of the Christian Mission". If you do not have your copy of this report it can be ordered from Service Center for $1.50.

Remember . . . "The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators". Chart your course and set sail.

Spiritual Life Cultivation

Wesleyan Service Guild
Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge, Conference Chairman

When you read this our Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission and Conference School of Christian Mission will be a matter of record. It was my privilege to attend both.

The timely studies for the coming year — "Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians" and "Christian Being and Doing" present a real challege to each of us.

I hope you were able to attend the Conference School of Christian Mission and will work with your church to develop new insight and a sense of responsibility and understanding. Poverty is no longer to be aecepted as a way of life. Affluence is no longer to be looked upon as the God given right of the few.

I am looking forward to serving as your Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, helping where and when I can. May I ask for your support and prayers?

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Christian Social Relations

Wesleyan Service Guild
Elizabeth Langford, Conference Chairman

This is my first opportunity to thank the Louisiana Guilders for electing me to this important conference office, following in the footsteps of Bee Sandefur's excellent leadership. And, I am making a very feeble beginning. On April 20th I had major surgery and am now minus a gall bladder and enough stones to have made a necklace!! ! With orders for a 3-month recovery period I am now about ready to "full speed ahead". Let me thank the many Guilds and friends who sped my recovery with kind words and thoughtful deeds.

When we came together at Guild Weekend we looked at the many challenging tasks that await us in the field of Christian Social Relations. We became acquainted with each other and formed a corporate plan of work within our conference so that we may work together in understanding what these three significant words "Christian", "Social", "Relations" mean in their relationship to Guild women. Is there a place in our program in Louisiana for this particular committee and, if so, what is it? Working together, we shall arrive at the answer.

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New District Secretary in Ruston

Mrs. R. M. (Bennett) Steere is the new District Secretary of Ruston District. Bennett is a member of Trinity Church where she is the Secretary. Her husband R. M. Steere, is a professor in Engineering at Louisiana Tech. They have two sons, Danny, who is a Methodist minister and a member of the Louisiana Conference, and David, who is a student at Louisiana Tech.

Bennett has served in practically every office in her local Guild. At present she is Chairman of Christian Social Relations in the Virginia Laskey Guild at Trinity Church, and is very active in all phases of her local church.

Mr. and Mrs. Steere left in June, with a group of young people, for Bolivia to help Carl and Julia Williams in their mission work. They will be in Bolivia until sometime in August. (See page 7.)

While Bennett is away Mrs. Bessie V. Fairley, Educational Consultant, Methodist Children's Home, is serving for her.

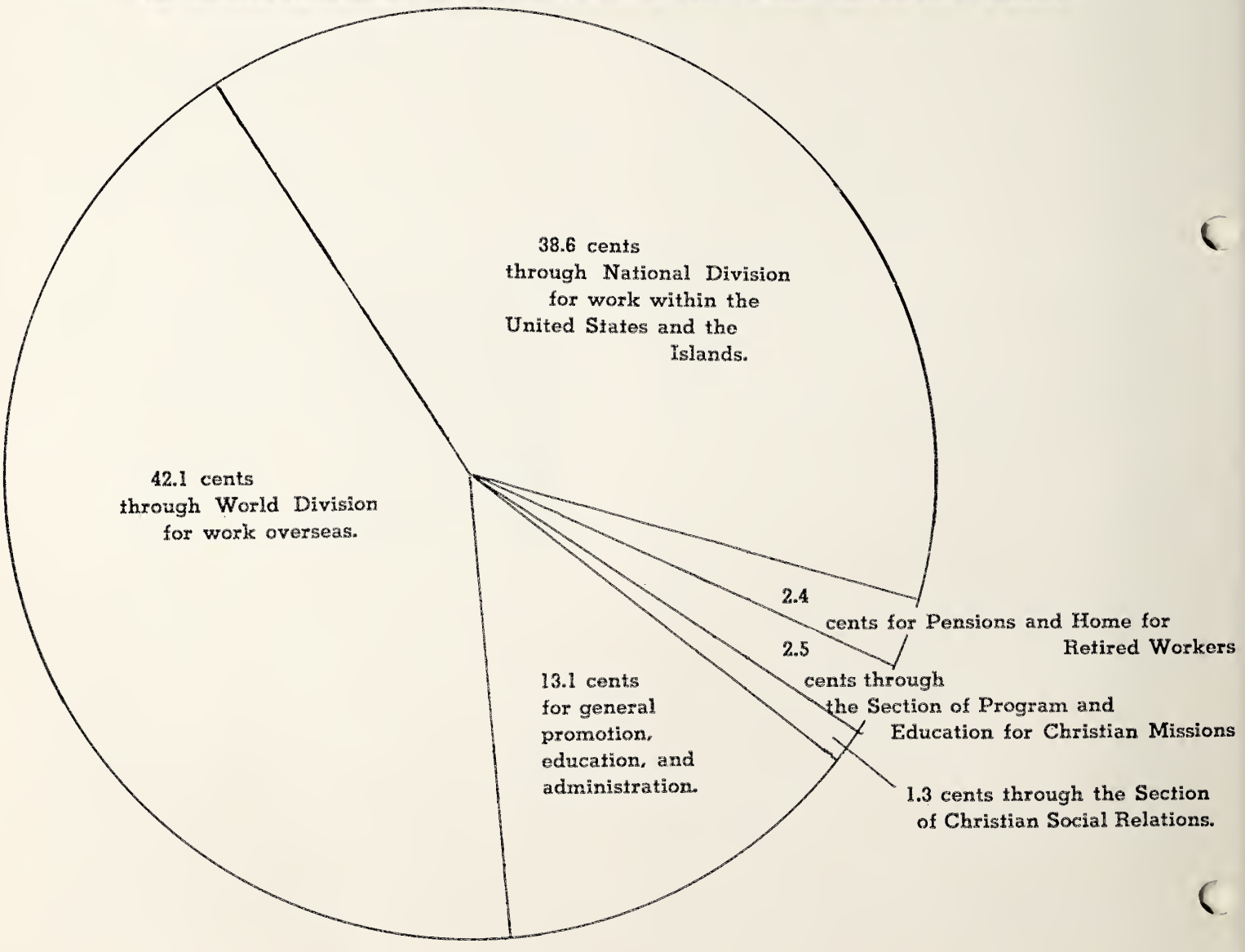
What Do You Know About Finance In Your Woman's Society And Guild?

A special "THANK YOU" is in order for the women of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild for an increase in pledge giving for the year (1965-66) just ended. A goal of 25% increase over a two year period had been suggested by the Woman's Division — not for one big, specific project, but to provide funds for the constantly expanding needs in world missions, national missions and local community activities. Approximately one third of the total support in all of these areas is the responsibility of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Guild and Society in Louisiana accepted the 25% increase in pledge and made a substantial increase in their giving, but did not reach the full goal. Local societies need to continue to promote the increase in giving so that the **25% goal might be reached this year.** Figures for the first quarter of this fiscal year are already in. You should know that giving, at least in some districts, is lower than what it was at this time last year. Some districts, however, show an increase in giving this first quarter and are to be commended.

Each of you need to be aware that the funds to meet these rapidly expanding needs in missions are secured by voluntary giving of members as they respond to the presentation of the mission program of the church by the local Society or Guild. The increase in giving should come first at the point of the individual's pledge.

Do you understand how the gifts which you send become a part of the total financial support of the mission outreach of our Church? Last year the gifts which were sent from your local group, plus the gifts sent from some 36,000 other local groups, added up to almost thirteen and one half million dollars. This money was the source of 42 percent of all the money spent by the Board of Missions.

During the fiscal year beginning in June of 1966, each dollar of your payments on your Pledge to Missions will be distributed among various areas as follows:


38.6 cents through National Division for work within the United States and the Islands.
42.1 cents through World Division for work overseas.
2.4 cents for Pensions and Home for Retired Workers
2.5 cents through the Section of Program and Education for Christian Missions
13.1 cents for general promotion, education, and administration.
1.3 cents through the Section of Christian Social Relations.

Questions And Answers Heard In Louisiana Conference Woman's Society And Guild Meetings -- District, Zone, And Local Level:

On Budgets

Question: Does every local Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild have to have a budget? Why? Who receives a copy and when? . What does it include? Where is information available?

Answer: **Yes**—every Society and Guild should have a budget. The "total budget of the local Society or Guild" is recommended to them through the local Committee on Finance as early in the fiscal year as is feasible. A copy of the budget should be sent to the District Treasurer as soon as it is adopted by the local Society or Guild. The District Treasurer must have these budgets early so she may be aware of the total pledge to missions of the combined Woman's Societies and Guilds. She can then determine how much of the "District Pledge to Missions" will be covered by the combined local pledges, and she will advise each local group of the need for increased giving through special gifts and offerings if the total District Pledge is to be met.

The Budget of the local Society or Guild include the following items:

1. Pledge to Missions and other gifts
2. Cultivation Fund
3. Funds for Local Church and Community Activities

Information on each of these items and on the work of the Committee on Finance in planning the budget is found in the **handbook on finance** for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild—available from SERVICE CENTER, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45237. The price is 50 cents. Every member of the local Committee on Finance should have a copy.

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On Cultivation Funds -- Woman's Society

Question: What are cultivation funds? How are they used? How are they raised?

Answer: Cultivation funds are those used for promotional purposes such as delegates' expenses to meetings, literature and program materials, postage, printing, etc. Each district sets up a fund for district cultivation and expense according to its needs. The money may be secured through a plan recommended by the conference Committee on Finance and approved by the conference society. In Louisiana each district may set an amount varying from fifteen to twenty five cents per member according to the need. The amount is recommended through the District Committee on Finance, is approved by the District Society, and is then paid by local Woman's Societies to the District Treasurer. Information on the cultivation fund is found in the Bylaws of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD—CULTIVATION FUNDS

Cultivation Funds for the Wesleyan Service Guild are separate from those of the Woman's Society. The District Cultivation Fund for the Guild is on the basis of 30 cents per member.

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On Term Of Office For Treasurers

Question: How long may a treasurer hold office?

Answer: FOUR YEARS ONLY — at local, district, conference, jurisdiction and Division level. This is a new Bylaw of the Woman's Division—in 1965.

On Supply

Question: Why is there a cash for supply work program?

Answer: To help meet needs in projects which cannot be included in the budget.

To give women a chance to "know exactly where" some of their money is going.

To serve as an educational media to help members learn about the total program of work.

BE SURE TO PAY SUPPLY ASKINGS IN FULL BEFORE FUNDS ARE GIVEN TO ANY OTHER PROJECTS. If you have questions on supply for Women's Society, direct them to: Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Box 366, Ruston, Louisiana, 71270. Questions on Supply for Wesleyan Service Guild go to Miss Dorothy Dunbar, P. O. Box 281, Opelousas, Louisiana, 70570

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Louisiana Conference Woman's Society Supply Askings 1966-1967

National:

Wesley Foundation at U.S.L., Lafayette Louisiana
Wesley Foundation, L.P.I., Ruston, Louisiana
Sager Brown School, Baldwin, Louisiana
Peoples Community Center, New Orleans, Louisiana
St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans, Louisiana
Business Girl's Inn, Shreveport, Louisiana
Alpine Community Center, Alpine, Texas

World:

Japan—Aoyama Gakuin, Elementary School, Junior High School, Senior High School and Women's Junior College, in Tokyo, Japan.

World—General Undesignated.

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La. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Supply Askings 1966-1967

National:

Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico.

World:

Harris Memorial School for Deaconesses, Manila, Philippines.

Mary Johnston Hospital and School or Nursing, Manila, Philippines.

Magazine and Picture Fund — $2.00 per year for each Guild Unit.

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On Definition of "Pledge"

The "pledge" of an individual member is the amount she promises to pay within the year to the local society toward its total budget. A printed pledge card is provided every year for each member to record her pledge.

The "pledge to missions" of the local Society or Guild is the amount a Society or Guild promises to pay within the year toward the support of the missionary program of The Methodist Church through the Woman's Division. Payments on this pledge are remitted to the district treasurer. During the year, additions to the pledge to missions are made through special memberships, offerings, action from study, in remembrance gifts, and "emptying of the treasury" at the end of the year.

The "pledge to missions" is the foundation on which the Woman's Division assumes financial responsibility in the program of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. This is the money which goes to pay salaries and pensions of missionaries and deaconesses: to support projects at home and overseas.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

Alexandria—Miss Bessie M. Rollo — District Secretary

The Alexandria District of the Wesleyan Service Guild has been busy since the Annual Spring Meeting in March. The District Spring Meeting, April 17, was held at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria. Two new District Chairmen were elected and installed: Mrs. Lewis Sleeth, Jena, Louisiana, Christian Social Relations and Miss Marie Pace, Alexandria, Louisiana, Missionary Education and Service. Plans for the new year were made by the District Committee at a meeting held June 5 at Holiday Inn, Alexandria. Among events planned is a Coaching Conference for October 16 at Haas Memorial Church, Bunkie and A Day Apart, tentatively set, for November 6 at Alpine Headquarters, Pineville, Spiritual growth and new members are the major goals for this year.

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Lafayette—Miss Hermine Tate—District Secretary.

The Spring Meeting of the Lafayette District was held in Crowley on May 1, with Mrs. John Howe, Jr. as guest speaker. Her message "Are You Able" brought out in a most informative manner the work at MacDonnell Methodist Center. Appreciation was expressed to the outgoing officers for their untiring leadership. A Bible was presented to the retiring District Seeretary, Mrs. Lillian Soileau.

Mrs. George Thomas, President of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, installed the following newly elected officers; Miss Hermine Tate, Lafayette, District Secretary; Mrs. Ernestine Briley, New Iberia, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Myra Byrd, Opelousas. Program Materials; Mrs. Eva Lee, Houma, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Lillian Soileau, Opelousas, Nominations; Mrs. Jean Gilmore, Crowley, Spiritual Life Cultivation; Mrs. Alice Crenshaw, Houma, Supply Work; Mrs. J. C. Love, Lafayette, Missionary Education and Service.

The fall meeting of the District will be held on October 9 in Houma and the spring meeting on April 30, 1967 at Asbury Church in Lafayette.

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Lake Charles —Mrs. Marguerite Spell — District Secretary

The 239 members of our 13 units are beginning a new year with enthusiasm and many interesting plans. Beryle Long, President and Evelyn Chaney, Vice-President of Simpson Wesleyan Service Guild, Lake Charles, attended Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah and received inspiration and information.

The Susie Jones Guild, DeRidder, had two very impressive services to start the year — the Pledge Service and Installation Service. They remembered Carol Wood, a missionary in Korea, with a Birthday gift. They gave a lectern for the new church.

The Mae Youngblood Guild, DeRidder, is presenting a Bulletin Board for use in front of the new church.

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Monroe —Mrs. Agnes Miller — District Secretary

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Monroe District was held at First Methodist Church in Bastrop on April 17. At this meeting Janie Phillips came to the close of her term of office as District Secretary. All of the Monroe District thanks Janie for her wonderful and capable leadership. She has served with complete devotion. It has been a privilege for all of us to work with her and she will continue to be a challenge and an inspiration to those who succeed her.

The newest Guild in the Monroe District was introduced during the luncheon — the McGuire Guild of West Monroe. It was organized largely through the efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Smith, with the able assistance of Elizabeth Langford. Starting with fourteen charter members, they now have a membership of fifteen. Mrs. J. B. Traweek is the president.

The offering of the day was sent to MacDonnell Methodist Center for their new building.

The Fall Conference of the district will be held at Chemin-a-hout State Park, October 1 and 2. In January Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division, will be the guest speaker of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild of First Church in Monroe in Recognition of Guild Month.

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Shreveport—Jerry Beck — Reporter

Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, well-known Guilder on the local, district and conference levels, has been elected district secretary. Miss Lowrey assumes her new post with experience from all phases of Guild work. A charter member of her Mansfield unit, she has served in every capacity on the local level, having just completed her fourth year as unit president. She has been a member of the district nominating committee and district chairman of Christian Social Relations. She has served the conferenee on its nominating committee, and is currently chairman of that group. Having rarely missed a Guild meeting of any kind, Miss Lowrey has helped bring Guilders closer together by her continued picture-taking. But more than any of these ways, she has made herself known and loved by her faithfulness to the group and her devotion to the work.

Miss Lowrey was elected to her new office at the annual distriet spring meeting on May 7, 1966 at Forbing. Other officers chosen at that time were Miss Mildred Kee, Lakeview, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Elsie Ellis, Noel, Chairman, Spiritual Life Cultivation; Mrs. Jack Toombs, Vivian, Woman's Society of Christian Service member-at-large; and Miss Sybil Kelly, Mangum, nominating committee. Following their election, the group was installed by Mrs. E. D. Kneipp.

The spring meeting included two general sessions; coaching clinics for all officers and lines of work; a vesper service conducted by Mrs. Ellis; and dinner, with an address by the Rev. G. W. Pearce, district superintendent, who used the book of **Ruth** as background for his subject, "Winsome Faith." Rev. Pearce was both surprised and pleased at being presented a Guild pin.

Mrs. Violet Dickens, program materials chairman, displayed all the latest available literature; and the "Corsage for Missions" theme, carried out in the form of a table bazaar, was also quite successful. A special collection was directed to missions in honor of retiring district secretary, Miss Sybil Kelly, for the unprecedented, inspirational way in which she has led the Shreveport District.

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New Orleans—Mrs. W. Lester Beard — District Secretary

Many our units have been active in neighborhood surveys and other community activities. All units have been busy in their local churches.

A chartered bus carried members to Guild Weekend and seven members attended the Conference School of Christian Mission. Two attended the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission and one attended Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. Willard Colburn, District Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairman is planning a retreat, combined with the Coaching Conference, to be held at the Seashore Methodist Assembly, Biloxi, Mississippi, September 24-25, 1966.

WORK GROUP IN BOLIVIA

The excitement of greeting Carl and Julia Williams and their family as they met the quaint Lake Titicaca steamer arriving in Guayaquil, Bolivia, climaxed a week or more of travel from Louisiana for seven work campers. The group was composed of five college students—Duchess Adams, Billy Jack Colvin, Bob Holladay, Rebecca Walker, and Sarah Watt, and counselors, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Steere. All are members of Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston. Mrs. Steere is the new District Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Ruston District.

Since Trinity is the home church of the Carl Williamses, missionaries in Bolivia for 5 years, it is natural that its members should have become greatly interested in the work of The Methodist Church in Bolivia. For several yars tentative plans have been underway to send a group to help Carl and Julia and to learn, firsthand, more about their work among the Aymara Indians. Part of the money used to finance the summer was earned by the high school young people at the time these college students were members of that group. The remainder of the money was contributed by the Commission on Missions, the Woman's Society circles, the Wesleyan Service Guilds and individuals of the church. Careful planning and scheduling were made with Trinity members in a local travel service.

The Williams family is asigned to the Methodist work in Ancoraimes, a town on the high Altiplano (high plain) section of Bolivia. It is over 12,000 feet in altitude and, since it is south of the equator, June-August are the winter months. Much of the time the sun warms the daytime hours but the nights are extremely cold. Mr. Williams is Director of the Christian Vocations School (high school level) and Mrs. Williams is Director of the Girls' School which is a boarding dormitory housing nearly 40 girls who attend the Methodist Primary School (headed by a Bolivian director) or the Christian Vocations School.

Can you imagine seven extra people living in the home of a family of five (one son, Edward, 13, attends school at the Methodist Institute in LaPaz) for two months? The work group did just this, paying the small amount of $1.00 per person per day for meals and housing. This amazing family took the group into its midst, making them feel warmly welcome during the entire stay of two months. Daily duties were apportioned and the two Bolivian girls who prepared much of the delicious food became warm friends of the group.

Each member of the group was able to contribute some service. The male members installed a great deal of electrical wiring in the church, clinic, and housing belonging to the Methodist Church. These areas, as well as the schools, are serviced by two gasoline-powered generators which are turned on for a few hours each night. The young men served as drivers for the doctor, nurse and veterinarian as they went to their weekly clinics in nearby communities. They also assisted in hauling materials for the construction of a concrete basketball court.

The girls and Bennett Steere were equally busy. Two of the girls took over the teaching of Jim Bob (12) and Christy (9), who study Calvert Correspondence School courses. Louis (5) will begin school next year. There was housework to be done, library books to be mended and readied for checking out, letters and stencils to be typed, and bookkeeping records to be kept. And have you ever helped dress the hair of 38 school girls for an important parade?

Although the group worked willingly an enthusiastically, there were also times of fun and recreation. Such Rook games were never seen before! The Williamses planned visits to LaPaz, where the church maintains a building in which missionaries from the Lake region may stay overnight. (The trip in for groceries and supplies usually is too long for a single day.) There were fiestas on the town plaza to attend and visits from some of the wonderful people working in the area — Peace Corps workers, doctors and a Laos veterinarian and his family. There was, in addition, a memorable 8-day trip to other areas of Bolivia — Caranavi (5,000 feet), Cochabamba (9,000 feet) and Santa Cruz (9,000 feet).

One of the high points of the summer was the worship service in the Warisata Methodist Church which was conducted by the members of the group. Warisata is the site of a large normal school, so many students attended the service. A lovely custom of the Bolivian churches is that of having visitors stand at the front of the congregation while the people sing a song of welcome and then file down to shake hands with each one and give a personal welcome. One of the young people presided and the other four spoke briefly on the motivation for the work group, the Church in the United States as contrasted with the new congregations of Bolivia, student Christian service through the Wesley Foundation, and of the impressions of Bolivia which the group had received. The scripture of I Peter 4:8-11 seemed particularly appropriate and the able interpreting of the District Superintendent, Mr. Bob McAden, added much to the expression of ideas.

The work in Bolivia has made such an impression on the members of the group that already the three girls have begun making definite plans to return again next summer. Even those of Trinity Church who were not present physically with the group will feel closer to the Mission of the Church in Bolivia through the enthusiasm engendered in this service of Christian friendship.

Lafayette District Officers -- Wesleyan Service Guild

Mrs. Ernestine Briley, Recording Secretary, Mrs. George Thomas, President Lafayette District Woman's Society, Mrs. Luther Byrd, Chairman, Program Materials, Mrs. Jean Gilmore, Chairman, Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Eva Lee, Chairman, Christian Social Relations, Miss Hermine Tate, Lafayette District Secretary, Mrs. Louis Soileau. Retiring District Secretary. Not pictured Mrs. Ellis Crenshaw, Chairman. Supply Work, Mrs. J. C. Love, Chairman Missionary Education and Service.

The President's Corner

Woman's Society of Christian Service

In Woman's Societies over the conference, many interesting projects are being carried on. Two that have recently come to my attention are a society which sponsors sewing classes at the church to help women to acquire sewing skills, and one which has encouraged its members to participate in a crash training program for teachers of the Laubach Method of training adults to read and write. This interest grew out of the May Fellowship Day program of the United Church Women. Why not share the interesting projects in which your society is involved?

Recently, I had the privilege of being at MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma. There was a feeling of excitement and anticipation on the part of everyone as we went through the new cottage which is being built there. The children at the Center were eager to show us the progress that had been made.

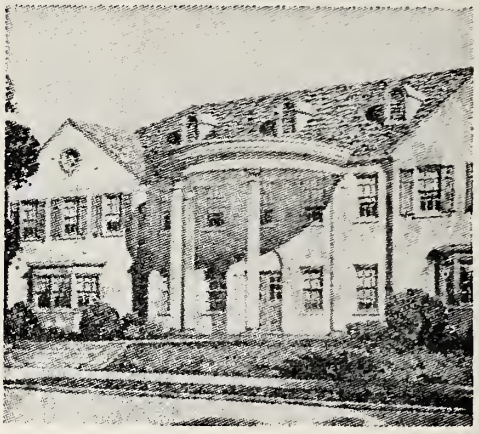
In March, at the Annual Meeting of the Conference held at the Reilly Memorial Church, in Baton Rouge, we approved the giving of a supplementary gift of $10,000 to MacDonell to be used in the construction of another cottage which is greatly needed. This money is to be given over a period of seven years. As you know, a Supplementary Gift is not counted as a part of our Supply Work nor as a part of our pledge to Missions. This is an outright gift to MacDonell to be used for a specific purpose. Cost of building is increasing each year and the estimated cost of the construction of the cottage is based on the prices existing today. Be generous in the meeting of this obligation which we have assumed in helping to provide a new cottage for MacDonell. This will enable the Center to have the facilities for carrying on the program in which it is engaged. The sooner we can provide the $10,000, the sooner the cottage can be built.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan

TREASURERS! PLEASE NOTE; The Calendar for your use in remitting funds is on the inside back cover of the Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. A PAD OF REMITTANCE BLANKS for each local society will be sent from the SERVICE CENTER **to the Secretary for Program Resources with the September mailing** of evaluation reports. If the blanks do not arrive, write to the SERVICE CENTER.

WANTED

WANTED: GIRLS TO LIVE in the Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport, Louisiana. Must be between the ages of 17 and 23, employed or attending business, technical, or trade school, interested in living more abundantly.
For more information, write: Director, The Business Girls' Inn, 814 Cotton Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71101.



BUSINESS GIRLS' INN
814 Cotton Street — Shreveport, La.

Just past the intersection of Common and Cotton Streets stands The Inn: a beautiful white, two-story-brick, colonial structure. A well manicured lawn and brilliant red petunias outlining a row of azaleas enhance the building and welcome the newcomer. Inside, spacious social and living areas bespeak the concern of Methodist women for single young women of every religious faith whose schooling or employment brings them into Shreveport to live.

For almost forty years Methodist women in nineteen churches in Shreveport-Bossier City have owned and operated, loved and supported The Business Girls' Inn. One of the non-profit charitable projects of the National Division of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, contributions to its support are made by and through the Woman's Division through the National Division.

For the girls who live in The Inn this is a transition time full of firsts: the first time away from home, the first time in large group living, the first time to be sole budgeteer of time and ability, decisions for attitudes and actions, to determine many life goals. The girls share the privilege of living creatively and abundant.

The purpose of The Inn is to witness to God's love and His self-revelation in Jesus Christ, to arouse personal response of each girl to this Christ to the end that personal commitment may be made and outreach into Christian community may evolve.

Methodist women share the privilege and responsibility of witnessing through this mission as they give to its support and interpret the opportunity to young women who could live in The Inn.

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ANNUAL MEETINGS TO BE IN LAKE CHARLES

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE — MARCH 15 - 17

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD — MARCH 17 - 19

The First Methodist Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana will be host in March to the Annual Meetings of both the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The speakers pictured on this page are those who will participate in both the meeting of the Society and that of the Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann were lay missionaries to the Congo for three years where Larry's main responsibilities were architect-engineer and secondary school teacher. He is presently working towards a master's degree in engineering mechanics at Louisiana State University, in preparation for a Ph.D. in civil engineering. Sally is teaching kindergarten at the University Methodist Church Day School. The Pleimanns will carry active roles in the program for both the Woman's Society and the Guild.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, immediate past president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, will bring the noon-time meditations to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society. Mrs. Dameron was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in London during the summer of 1966. She will speak on this experience at the Annual Meeting of the Guild.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, will bring a major address to the Annual Meetings of both the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Secretary's Pen
Wesleyan Service Guild

Dear Guilders:

As you read this message Christmas with all of its joy and happiness will have passed, but my wish is that the spirit of Christmas, with all of its hope, faith, love, and joy, may remain with you throughout the New Year.

The Evaluation Reports show the keen awareness of each district to increase its membership. In the majority of the districts work in this area is a cooperative effort with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

We want to move forward in every way and we can do this best through increased membership and many new units. At our Guild Weekend Elizabeth Langford offered an award to the district organizing the most new Guild Units during this year (1966-67). The contest will terminate at the end of May with the award being presented at Guild Weekend. Let us accept this challenge, not only for the award, but because we really have people on our hearts and want others to share our fellowship.

The mid-year committee meeting was well attended and reports received revealed an increase in opportunities for training, through coaching conference, retreats, and day-apart experiences. Reports, also, revealed an increase in cooperative planning with the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the local church.

Our Annual Spring Meeting, March 17-19, 1967 at First Methodist Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana, will be of interest to each of you. The program committee labored diligently to give you the type of program you have expressed a desire for. You will find an out-line of the program, together with an introduction to it and to our speakers elsewhere in this issue.

We hope that we will see you in Lake Charles at First Methodist Church, March 17-19, 1967 with representation from each unit.

Sincerely,
Mildred Evans

Christian Social Relations

Wesleyan Service Guild
Elizabeth Langford — Conference Chairman

Now that the current elections are over for the present,your chairman is concerned about the percentage of registered AND voting Guild members throughout our conference. At the beginning of the New Year I plan to poll the Guilds, in order to learn our voting status. Don't you think this will be of interest to our Wesleyan Service Guild. I feel sure that we will rate above average, so IF you check your own Guild members and find some not registered, this is a good time to improve your rating. In this way we can improve our Christian Social Relations status in today's society. A good citizen is an informed and active citizen.

Important Months Ahead

For Both Guild and Society

JANUARY—The Committee on Nomination (which has been at work for many months) prepares to submit names for the election of officers.

FEBRUARY—

(1) Elect officers.

(2) Send the complete list of those elected with name and mailing address (with zipcode) to the district recording secretary — immediately. This is the responsibility of the local recording secretary.

(3) Elect delegates to Annual Meetings.

MARCH—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, is hostess for the Annual Meetings this year. Each society and Guild will soon receive registration forms which should be promptly filled in and returned to the hostess society.

Wesleyan Service Guild
Annual Spring Meeting

The Sixteenth Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild will be held in Lake Charles on March 17-19, 1967. Theme for the meeting will be "Total Mission to a Total World." The Guilds of the Lake Charles District are very busy assisting the District Secretary, Mrs. S. W. Spell (Marguerite); the General Chairman, Mrs. Velma Thomas; and the Program Chairman, Miss Grace Lawson, with plans which promise to make the meeting an outstanding event.

Members of the registration committee will be on hand at the Charleston Hotel on Friday evening, March 17, to welcome and register the Executive Committee, who will be arriving for an eight o'clock meeting at the hotel.

Guild members arriving on Saturday may register at the First Methodist Church between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Left to right: Mrs. S. W. (Marguerite) Spell, Lake Charles District Secretary; Miss Grace Lawson, Program Chairman; Mrs. Velma Thomas, General Chairman, Lake Charles District.

"A Welcome to all Guilders"

Greetings to You From The Land Of The Tall Pines! ! The Lake Charles District has big plans and a good program for your Spring Meeting to be held at First Methodist Church, in Lake Charles on March 17, 18, and 19, 1967. We are hopeful this will be the largest Spring Meeting to date. WE MUST GROW! ! So, Guilders, let's come in large numbers. OUR WELCOME MAT IS OUT.

Marguerite Spell, District Secretary
Lake Charles District
Wesleyan Service Guild

Missionary Education and Service

Wesleyan Service Guild
Mrs. C. G. Mainous (Emma)

I am sure that all of you local Chairmen of Missionary Education and Service have received your copies of of the Directory of Our Workers, from your District Chairman. These Directories were distributed at our Guild Weekend in July with a supply mailed to each Chairman not attending. I hope that each local unit will keep in touch with the Workers from our State or others as you wish.

If the Commission on Missions in your local Church has not organized a subcommittee on Mission Studies in your local Church, then please plan Studies within your unit. It will take some time before this program can be put into effect in some instances. When the Committee begins the function then, I am sure you will lend your full support toward the church wide study program.

Do remember the back page of the Methodist Woman for helpful information.

Let us work to make this the most meaningful year year in Study in the History of Guild.

Sixteenth Annual Meeting Wesleyan Service Guild

March 17-19, 1967

PROGRAM

THEME: "Total Mission To A Total World"

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1967

6:00 P.M. Registration ..... Lobby, Charleston Hotel
8:00 P.M. Conference Guild Committee Meeting ..... Charleston Hotel

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1967

8:00 A.M. Conference Guild Committee Breakfast ..... Charleston Hotel
9:00 A.M. Registration ..... Lobby, Charleston Hotel
10:00 A.M. District Secretaries' Meeting ..... Charleston Hotel
12:00 Noon Registration, Continued ..... First Methodist Church

AFTERNOON SESSION

SANCTUARY, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

1:00 P.M. Organ Prelude ..... Mr. Don Allured
Theme Hymn "We've A Story To Tell To Nations"
(The Methodist Hymnal No. 501 (old) or No. 410 (new)

Convening of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting ..... Miss Mildred Evans

Prayer ..... Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge
Meditation "What Talents I Possess"....Mrs. W. W. Paxton
Holy Communion ..... Rev. G. W. Pomeroy
Welcome ..... Mrs. Robert McCall

Order of Business:

Presentation of Program ..... Miss Grace Lawson
Report of Recording Secretary ..... Miss Marie White
Appointment of Committees
Report on "Christian Service Times" ..... Miss Mariynn Carter
Report on World Methodist Conference ..... Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Address ..... Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
Announcements
Solo
Pledge Service ..... Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher
3:00 P.M. Fellowship Hour ..... Fellowship Hall First Methodist Church

EVENING SESSION

7:00 P.M. Dinner
Cafeteria ..... LaGrange Senior High School
Presiding ..... Mrs. Clayton G. Mainous
Invocation ..... Mrs. Frank Bryan
Introductions
Special Music
Address "Discovering New Dimensions" Mr. Larry Pleimann
Benediction

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1967

7:00 A.M. Breakfast
Fellowship Hall ..... First Methodist Church
Presiding ..... Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge
Invocation ..... Mrs. Jean Gilmore
Meditation "Total Mission To A Total World" ..... Mrs. Larry Pleimann
Prayer ..... Mrs. Gay Richardson

8:30 A.M. Order of Business:
Committee Reports
Election of Delegates
Report on Bolivia ..... Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Steere
Guild Hymn ..... (Back Cover of Pragram)
Report of Conference Secretary ..... Miss Mildred Evans
Adjournment

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Guild Program Chairman

Miss Grace Lawson is serving as Program Chairman for the Guild Spring Meeting in Lake Charles. She is a native of Welsh, Louisiana. Miss Lawson teaches fifth grade at Welsh Elementary School; she earned a B.A. degree from Rice University in 1930 and a M.Ed. degree from LSU in 1960. Grace served as Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild from 1943 to 1950, and has also served as Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, and as Lake Charles District Secretary. Currently she is serving as Conference Chairman of Program Materials. She is a member of First Methodist Church in Welsh and serves as Superintendent of the Children's Division of the Church School. She spent two weeks this summer assisting Mrs. Fairley with the education and the handicraft programs at the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston.

Miss Grace Lawson

Materials Available For Use

The recording, "The Man With the Mike," for use with the study on Poverty and Affluence, is now available in the Conference. Write to Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr., Box 574, DeQuincy, Louisiana — 70633. There is no charge except postage.

The slides contrasting affluence and poverty shown at the School of Christian Mission last summer are available from Mrs. Roberet Reich, 333 East Boyd, Baton Rouge — 70808. Mrs. Reich also has a recording of "The Man With the Mike" at the Assembl y which some of you may wish to use. "The Man With the Mike" is a title used for a series of recordings on a number of different topics — the two listed above are two in the series.

Check Your Score!

In a few short months evaluation report time will be here again. Each time many questions go unanswered because they are not understood. How many of the officers in your local society or Guild are thoroughly familiar with the Handbook for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Handbook for the Wesleyan Service Guild, The Handbook for the Committee on Program and that of the Committee on Finance. If each officer would read through these small, concise handbooks and underline all references to her office — and then would read the page for her office in the **Methodist Woman** each month, she would find the evaluation reports far more meaningful. When they have meaning they are a joy to fill out.

NOTES ON THE PROGRAM

We hope that you are looking forward, as we are, with great anticipation, to our annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to be held at the First Methodist Church in Lake Charles, March 15-17, 1967.

Do you often wonder just what your place is in this world of increasing complexity? The theme of the annual meeting is "Total Mission to a Total World", and as many aspects of this topic as possible will be covered by the various participants in the program.

Mrs. Robert Reich

We have a wonderful group of outstanding speakers for our program this year. An interesting side light is the fact that they are all either from Louisiana or residing in Louisiana at this time. Drs. Paul and Margaret Brand, the famous surgeons from Christian Medical College in India, will be featured speakers on Wednesday evening. It is hoped that before attending the meeting everyone will read the interesting biography of these outstanding personalities, "Ten Fingers for God", by Dorothy Clarke Wilson (a condensation of this appeared in the June, 1966 issue of Readers Digest). On Thursday evening we will be privileged to hear our own Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President of the Woman's Division. Mrs. Laskey has returned from Africa where she and Mr. Laskey were members of the World Understanding Team.

Other guest speakers will include Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann from the Congo, Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Welch from India. Mrs. G. W. Dameron will be our noon-time meditation speaker, and the work of our national missions in the state of Louisiana will be reperesented by Miss Rosie Ann Cobb of Sager-Brown and Miss Louise Sharp of St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans. Our Conference President, Mrs. C. B. McGowan will give the keynote address on Wednesday afternoon.

On the afternoon of Thursday, the group attending the meeting will be divided into smaller groups for a time of discussion and sharing of ideas by the individual woman. There will be a number of different topics and stimulating questions to explore. It is hoped that this will give the local woman an opportunity to express her thoughts freely and raise any questions that she might like to share with the group.

Other highlights of the meeting will included the report of the District Presidents, presented by Mrs. George Tignor; and the Pledge Service, conducted by Mrs. Carl Gallaher. Our meeting will close with the service of Holy Communion.

Hope to see you in Lake Charles, and do remember this coming meeting in your prayers.

Mrs. Robert Reich,
Program Chairman

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Woman's Society of Christian Service

Theme:

"Total Mission to a Total World"

Wednesday, March 15, 1967

AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn: "God of Love and God of Power"

Convening of the Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting . . . Mrs. C. B. McGowan

Scripture and Prayer ..... Mrs. Robert Compton
Welcome ..... Mrs. W. W. Paxton
Presentation of Program ..... Mrs. Robert Reich
Business:

Report of Recording Secretary . . . Mrs. Thomas Hampton
Recommendations from Executive Committee
Appointment of Committees

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws . . . Mrs. J. H. McSween

Report of the Treasurer and Recommendations from the Committee on Finance ..... Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Report of the District Presidents ..... Mrs. George Tignor
President's Message ..... Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Closing Prayer

6:00 Dinner — First Methodist Church
Presiding ..... Mrs. L. C. Aycock
Sager-Brown School ..... Miss Rosie Ann Cobb and staff

EVENING SESSION

8:00 Anthem ..... Choir
Offering
Address: Drs. Paul and Margaret Brand

Thursday, March 16, 1967

MORNING SESSION

Hymn
Scripture and Prayer
Business:
Introduction of Conference officers
Balloting — nominees for membership, Board of Missions

Presentation of work of Church Women United
St. Mark's Community Center ..... Miss Louise Sharp
Pledge Service ..... Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Noon meditation ..... Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Luncheon ..... First Methodist Church

AFTERNOON SESSION

Dialogue Discussion Groups:
Ecumenicity
Place of the Missionary in Emerging Nations
Youth and the Christian Mission
Responsibility of the Christian Woman in Politics
Talk-back film
Role of the Laity in the Church
Visit with a Missionary Couple

Sharing Session

6:00 Dinner. First Methodist Church
Presiding ..... Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Honoring District Officers

EVENING SESSION

8:00 Anthem ..... Choir
Offering
Address: Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey

Program of Woman's Society (con't.)

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Friday, March 17, 1967

MORNING SESSION

Hymn
Scripture and Prayer
Business:
- Report of Committees
- Report of Registration
- Place of meeting, 1968
- Resolutions

World Missions ..... Mr. Larry Pleimann
Rev. Carlos Welch
Report of the Wesleyan Service Guild—
Miss Mildred Evans
Meditation ..... Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Holy Communion
Benediction
Adjournment

Welcome to Lake Charles

Dear Friends:

In the name of our Woman's Society of Christian Service, and our Wesleyan Service Guild, we wish to extend you a very warm welcome to our Annual meeting in March, 1967.

While our church will be the hostess church, all the other Methodist Churches in Lake Charles and near by communities will be sharing in the joy of helping to entertain you.

Our committees are all at work and there is sincere enthusiasm in preparing for your visit. We shall do all we can to make your stay with us comfortable, happy and inspirational. You will "do us good" and our prayer is that, after the meeting, you may feel "it was truly good to have been there."

May God Bless us All,

Julia R. Paxton
(Mrs. W. W. Paxton), President
Woman's Society of Christian Service
First Methodist Church
Lake Charles, La.

The hostess group prepares for Annual Meeting in Lake Charles. Mrs. Howard Carter, General Chairman, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, President, and Mrs. Seaman A. Mayo, Co-Chairman.

Drs. Paul and Margaret Brand who will bring the message Wednesday evening at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society.

Dr. Paul Brand, son of missionaries to India, served for 19 years at Christian Medical College at Vellore. His specialty is surgery and research in the prevention and correction of leprosy deformities, especially hand reconstruction. He is currently in this country as Chief of Rehabilitation Branch of the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Carville, Louisiana, and clinical professor of Surgery at Louisiana State University. His wife, Dr. Margaret Brand, has worked along with him in India, and now at Carville. Her speciality is eye surgery.

Youth Rally At Annual Meeting

A tremendous event during the week of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society will be the "rally-type" meeting of all M.Y.F.'ers in the Conference on Thursday evening, March 16, in Lake Charles. There we will enjoy a real old-fashioned get-together with young people from all over Louisiana and with a dynamic speaker, Mr. Larry Pleimann, lay missionary to the Congo. This event doesn't have a name yet, but publicity with final details will be sent to every church in the Conference very soon now. Watch for it!

Secretary of Missionary Personnel—
Mrs. John Oldham
Woman's Society

Recording Secretaries—Please Note!

January is here and February is just around the corner, which means the committee on nominations should have a slate of officers to submit at the February business meeting when they should be elected. The **local recording secretary** should immediately forward the entire list of officers and their addresses (with Zip Code) to the **district** recording secretary. She, in turn, will send them to me before April 1st. Local secretaries, please remember these addresses should include the Zip Code numbers. If you do not know them, your local post office will give them to you. I'm sure many of you do not think this is necessary, but it is becoming increasingly more important, especially in mailing our annual reports and call letters.

Delegates to our Annual Meeting should also be elected at the February business meeting and registrations sent in as soon as possible. Each society, however small, shall have one delegate. The larger societies are allowed one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof. Societies with a membership of less than 20 will be given free housing, but you must be sure to request it on your registration card.

If any conference or district officer, zone leader, or local president did not receive a copy of the Annual Report, please let us know.

MRS. T. E. HAMPTON
Recording Secretary,
Conference Woman's Society

Missionaries At Annual Meeting Of The Woman's Society

Important phases of the mission program of The Methodist Church, both at home and overseas, will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society by the Pleimanns (page 1 and page 5), by the Drs. Brand (page 5) and by those pictured here.

The Reverend Carlos A. Welch and Mrs. Welch

Reverend Carlos A. Welch and Mrs. Welch, teachers on the staff of Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, M.P., India, are presently living in Houston where Reverend Welch is enrolled in the Institute of Religion of the Texas Medical Center. Carlos and Sarojini will be with us throughout Annual Meeting sharing their knowledge of world missions in a number of capacities. They plan to to return to India in June, 1967.

Miss Louise Sharp

Miss Louise Sharp came to St. Mark's Community Center on March 1, 1966 as executive director. She has worked in the field of Christian education for many years and in a number of capacities both in the Louisiana Conference and in Mississippi, her home state. Louise will present the work at St. Mark's on Thursday morning.

The President's Corner

Woman's Society of Christian Service
Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

We hope that by now that each of you has received the copy of the Annual Report. We are sorry that the Report was so late in reaching you. Many hours and much thought have been given to this publication and we hope that you have taken the time to go through it and to become familiar with the contents. The pages contain much information concerning the work done in our Conference, interesting facts concerning the program of the various institutions in the Louisiana Conference, and pertinent financial and historical information. It is only as you study and use this Report that it will have value. Thank you for your patience and your cooperation.

This issue of the CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES will direct our thinking toward our Annual Meeting which will be held at the First Methodist Church in Lake Charles on March 15-17. You will be reading of the very interesting program that has been planned and of the excellent speakers who will take part in the program. For months plans have been in the making for our ANNUAL MEETING. Your committee has taken into consideration the suggestions which were made by you in your evaluation of the Annual Meeting last year. We hope that you will feel involved as you participate in this meeting. In order that you may have even more part in carrying out these plans and preparations, will you pray with me that our meeting will be one with meaningful involvement, information, and deep spiritual enrichment. It is only as you come expecting to receive that you will do so. As you come prepared to involve yourself in the activities and the program, so you will be able to become involved in the discussion and feel a part of the total program. Our theme is "A TOTAL MISSION TO A TOTAL WORLD".

Miss Rosie Ann Cobb

Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, a deaconess of The Methodist Church, is superintendent of Sager-Brown School at Baldwin, Louisiana. The Sager-Brown program is unique in Methodism, and the school, under Miss Cobb's able leadership has developed an outstanding service to the community. Miss Cobb and members of her staff will be with us at dinner on Wednesday evening and will present the work at Sager-Brown at that time.

HOTELS and MOTELS

The following information will be helpful in making reservations for the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society:

CHARLESTON HOTEL (Ryan and Pujo St., Telephone: 439-5711)

Singles	$ 7.50
Doubles	9.00
Twins	10.00
Roll-away beds	4.00

IMPERIAL "400" (825 Broad St., Telephone: 436-4311)

Master bedroom (2) double	$10.00
Studio (2) double	9.50
Executive (2) double	9.00
single	7.00

BELMONT MOTEL (2730 Broad St. Telephone 433-8291)

Double (twin beds)	$12.50
Double (queen size)	10.00

HOLIDAY INN (Hi-way 90 East) Telephone: 433-6381)

Single	$ 7.00-$ 8.50
Double (2 in room)	9.50- 10.50
Double (4 in room)	$10.00-$12.00

SEINER HOTEL COURTS (818 Moss Street, Telephone: 436-9584)

Single	$ 6.00
Double bed (2)	7.00
Twin beds	9.00
3 in room	10.00

RAMADA INN MOTEL (1212 N. Lakeshore Dr., Telephone: 433-9461)

Single upstairs	$ 6.00
Single downstairs	7.00
Double beds (2) upstairs	8.00
Double beds (2) downstairs	9.00
Double beds (4) upstairs	14.00
Double beds (4) downstairs	15.00
Double beds (3) upstairs	12.00
Double bed (3) downstairs	13.00

CHATEAU CHARLES MOTEL (Hi-way 90 West, Telephone: 433-4681)

Singles	$ 8.00-$12.00
Doubles (2)	10.00- 16.00
Twins	$12.00-$16.00

LAKEVIEW MOTEL (1000 Lake Shore Drive, Telephone: 436-3336)

Single	$ 7.00
Double bed (2)	9.00
Two beds	10.00
Double beds (4)	$16.00

Start Thinking TOUR *Now!*

Information about the Louisiana Conference Youth Mission Tour will be in the packet for delegates to Annual Meetings as usual, but it may be too late if you wait until then to start planning to send a youth from your church. The date set, June 4th, is much earlier than usual. Alert your MYF now so that they can start planning and will be watching for information as it is printed in **Louisiana Methodist** and in mailings to pastors.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham of Baton Rouge will again head the tour. The plan is to tour Southeast United States —taking in Nashville, spots of special interest in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. So much is packed into these trips — sightseeing, learning, fellowship, new experience — a much deeper understanding of the mission of the church. Many participants find the high point of the trip is the wonderful fellowship with a group of Christian young folk their own age.

The cost of the trip will be $90.00 for each young person.

And don't forget—**A New Date! !** The tour will start June 4th. This is early, so start publicity now.

A New Recording Secretary for Conference Woman's Society

Mrs. Thomas E. Hampton, recently elected recording secretary of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, is a native of Dalhart, Texas. She has held a variety of offices in the Woman's Society since 1940. Before that, Opal was a part of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when she attended the meetings of this organization with her mother (as did many of the children.) She remembers the fun and fellowship in their activities — making quilts for children's homes, clothes for missionaries overseas, and turkey dinners to raise money for parsonage furnishings.

In 1932, Opal married a Louisiana boy and came to the First Methodist Church in Lafayette. Later, at First Methodist Church in Monroe she was circle chairman and found the association with these women an inspiration she will never forget. It was here that her infant son received one of the last Baby Life Memberships in the Woman's Missianary Society. Many years in the Woman's Society followed, with her activity ranging from "only member" to "president" in Winnfield, Natchitoches, and Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Hampton has been involved, too, in working with children and youth, teaching and serving as superintendent of the children's division. From 1951 to 1959 she was on the team conducting Vacation Church School Institutes in the Baton Rouge District. During this time she was guardian of a group of Camp Fire Girls and when graduated, she served on the Board — training leaders and guardians in the Council.

The Hamptons moved to Lake Charles in July and Mrs. Hampton accepted the nomation for Conference Recording Secretary in August. She says she is behind with her work, but asks that we be patient with her until she can "catch up."

Woman's Society Dates To Remember

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District	Church	Date
Alexandria	Jonesville Meth. Church	Mar. 30
Baton Rouge	Amite Methodist Church	Mar. 30
Lafayette	Asbury Meth. Church, Laf.	Apr. 12
Lake Charles	University Meth. Church L.C.	Apr. 4
Monroe	First Meth. Church, Bastrop	
New Orleans	Carrollton Meth. Church, New Orleans	Mar. 29
Ruston	Lakeview Methodist Church, Minden	Mar. 29
Shreveport	Lakeview Methodist Church, Shreveport	Mar. 30

DISTRICT OFFICER'S TRAINING (for all Conference and District Officers) First Methodist Church, Pineville, May 18.

A SPECIAL DAY FOR SELF STUDY — First Methodist Church, Pineville, May 19th. For Conference and District Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries of Membership Cultivation and Secretaries of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

Alexandria—Miss Bessie M. Rollo — District Secretary

The Alexandria District of the Wesleyan Service Guild held a Coaching Conference at Haas Memorial Methodist Church, Bunkie, October 16, 1965, with 28 in attendance. The entire meeting was devoted to all phases of Guild work on the local level. The Bunkie Guild provided a nice social hour and refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Under date of November 6th, a "Day Apart" for the entire District was held at Alphine City, Inc. (a Log Cabin Lodge) about 12 miles North of Pineville. The theme was "Through Me Thy Spirit Shine." The basic material used was "The Fruits of the Spirit" by Evelyn Underhill. Our leader was Mrs. C. R. McCammon of Franklin, who so ably held everyone "spell bound" for the entire four hours. An hour break was enjoyed for lunch, which was provided by all Guilds in the District. There were 36 in attendance, seven out of eleven Guilds being represented. Among those attending was the Alex andria District Woman's Society of Christine Service President. Mrs. Marie Thibodeaux, our Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary, Miss Mildred Evans, and three Guilders from the Ruston District.

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Lafayette—Mrs. Hermine Tate — District Secretary

The Houma Guild was hostess to six units at the fall coaching conference for Lafayette District. Lunch was served after morning worship, and the meeting convened at 1:15 P. M. District chairmen of lines of work participated in the program assisted by Mrs. George Thomas, district president, Mrs. Charles Cain, district, treasurer, and Mrs. C. R. McCammon, member of the conference Guild committee.

The district secretary visited Guilds in Lafayette and New Iberia and showed slides taken on her recent trip to the Holy Land.

The Houma Guild sent a gift to missions in memory of the late Mrs. George Rose Hebert who was the first president of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church in Houma, and in memory of Miss Nettie Brunette who had been a active member.

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Lake Charles—Mrs. Marguerite Spell — District Secretary

The Lake Charles District had three Coaching Conferences in October, which were very successful. Personnel from Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service from Conference, District, and Local levels were used to bring duties and privileges of the lines of work. The District is very busy with the details of the Spring Conference and looking forward to a large attendance.

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Ruston—Mrs. R. M. Steer (Bennett) — District Secretary

Ruston District Wesleyan Service Guild Coaching Conference was held in Trinity Church, Ruston, on Sunday afternoon, October 16. Miss Sue Batton, Minden, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, and Mrs. Charles Camp, Springhill, Chairman of Supply Work, presented their lines of work. Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Chairman of Program Materials, presented Mrs. J. J. Caraway, Homer, who gave the presentation she had used at the Woman's Society of Christian Service Workshop in Arcadia. All were most helpful, not only to the officers, but to the Guild members, in understanding these phases of Guild work. Every Guild in the District was represented at this meeting. The District Secretary closed the meeting with a brief account of Church services she had attended in Bolivia.

Shreveport—Jerry Beck — Reporter

Congratulations to the entire Shreveport district on a job well done as official host for the annual Guild Week-End at Cenetenary College in July. With hardly a breather, the district officers met on August 21st at Wynn Church to begin work on the annual Guild banquet. In years past, the banquet has always been set for January, but winter weather conditions frequently curbed attendance and occasionally necessitated cancelling the banquet entirely. To prevent this, the district committee decided to have the banquet this year on October 28, during the Call to Prayer and Week of Self Denial. And the result was overwhelmingly successful. Total attendance was 146, representing 16 out of 17 units in the district. Speaker for the evening was Mrs. Ruby Cochran, who spoke on Methodist mission projects the world over. Mrs. Cochran's comments were uniquely presented from first-hand experiences on her 14 trips around the world.

Mrs. Ruby Cochran, guest speaker for the Shreveport District annual Guild banquet.

Monroe—Mrs. Austin Miller, (Agnes)

Monroe District has been very busy since the last issue of **Christian Service Times** was published. A wonderful and inspirational workshop-retreat was held at Camp Chemin-a-haut on the first and second of October. Fifty-four members representing twelve Guilds were present. Also present were Mrs. Don Winienger, Monroe District President of the W.S.C.S., Mrs. J. W. Boyd, District Treasurer, Mrs. M. L.DeFreese, Member-at-large for the Monroe District, and Mrs. Alvin P. Smith, wife of the pastor at McGuire Methodist Church. Also present was Mrs. Lewis Sleeth from Jena. She is the District Chairman of Christian Social Relations from the Alexandria District. The McGuire Guild from West Monroe, the newest Guild in the District, was well represented with 8 members present.

The big news with Monroe District is the formation of a new Guild at Claiborne Church in West Monroe. The organization is not yet complete but plans are well on the way with 15 enthusiastic new members.

The District Secretary has set as a goal,. a personal visit with every Guild in the Monroe District during the year. So far meetings have been held with five Guilds and others are scheduled.

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT-ECUMENISM FEATURES OF SUMMER PROGRAM

Mrs. C. R. McCammon

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, wife of the minister of First Methodist Church in Franklin, is to be "leadership chairman" this summer at the School of Christian Mission, July 17-21, at Centenary College. A major block of time at the school will be set aside for leadership training sessions led by Conference officers, secretaries and chairmen and coordinated by Mrs. McCammon.

Purposes projected for the sessions have been to consider current leadership trends and their potentials for the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and to develop personal leadership potential.

Janelle, former secretary of missionary personnel and of youth work, is currently editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES for the Woman's Society. She will deliver the keynote address for Guild Weekend, July 21-23 at Centenary College.

Major thrust of the plenary sessions at the School of Christian Mission this summer will be ECUMENISM. Four topics for study (see page 4 & 5), quite diverse in their appeal will cluster under this general emphasis and will be the topics of the application groups. The Reverend Ray Branton, pastor of the Aurora Methodist Church in New Orleans, will serve as coordinator for the leaders of these application groups as they combine their efforts to plan and present the plenary sessions at the School.

At the Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend the same four studies will be skillfully combined in a single presentation by Mrs. J. Russell Henderson of Little Rock, Arkansas. Mrs. Henderson, a member of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, has served the Woman's Society as secretary of Christian social relations of the South Central Jurisdiction and as president of the Little Rock Conference of of The Methodist Church as well as in many other capacities. She is well known and well loved as a teacher in schools of Christian mission and as an able leader in all phases of church work.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Secretary's Pen

Dear Guilders:

Our Sixteenth Annual Meeting hosted by Lake Charles District is now a matter of history. We deeply appreciate the many courtesies shown us by our hosts during the meeting and the preparation that helped make it a successful event. To all who shared the responsibility of making the program and the meeting an inspiring and outstanding occasion goes our heartfelt thanks and gratitude. Your cooperation, help, and prayers, during this year as your Conference Secretary have been most gratifying and for this you have my deep appreciation.

We welcome into our fellowship a new unit at Claiborne Methodist Church in West Monroe, Louisiana. The president is Mrs. O.G. Fleming. We wish for the officers and members of this unit success and growth in their Christian witness and in adding to their fellowship and ours. May they be an inspiration and help to them.

I would like to call your attention to the following important items and events:

OFFICER LIST: Local officers are to be reported on the proper form and sent out as instructed. Your District Secretary will have these forms. The official form will come with the Evaluation Report. Both are important and should be completed and sent out as directed immediately. District officers are to be reported on forms provided as soon as elections are held. It is important that these reports be completed promptly and mailed as directed immediately. Completed, correct, and current officer lists are our only means of communication at all levels.

PLEDGE TO MISSIONS: It may mean sacrifice on the part of many, but we are asking that each member and each unit make an all out effort in giving to missions this year. If we fail in this it means that some needed and necessary appropriation or endeavor will receive a cut. This is a part of our Christian witness and failure to meet our pledge to missions means failure in an important phase of our life as a Christian organization. April 25th is the deadline for the report of the local treasurer. We feel sure that we will have your cooperation.

EVALUATION REPORTS: May 10th is the deadline for this. We ask your cooperation and help. May we count on 100% reporting at all levels.

LEADERSHIP PERFORMANCE MEETING: May 5-7, 1967, for Jurisdiction and Conference officers and Secretaries and Nominating Committee Chairmen at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

REGIONAL SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION: June 19-23, S.M.U., Dallas, Texas. All Conference Officers and Chairmen have the privilege of attending.

ANNUAL MEETING OF JURISDICTION GUILD: June 23-25, 1967, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Our quota is ten. The registration fee, including insurance is, $2.45. Only those housed on the mountain will be able to eat at the cafeteria. Registration is through the Conference Secretary.

LOUISIANACONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION: July 16-21, 1967, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE GUILD WEEKEND: July 21-23, 1967, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Both the School of Christian Mission and our Guild Weekend are essential to effective service. We urge your attendance at both. An outline of our program for Guild Weekend will be found elsewhere in this issue. We are sorry that all details could not be worked out in time for publication of this issue, but the entire program committee joins me in assuring you that the completed program will be an inspirational and educational one and one you won't want to miss. May we count on you being at Centenary College, July 21-23, 1967?

Renewals and new subscriptions for "Christian Service Times" are due before June 1, 1967. Please complete and return, as directed, your subscription on the form provided, together with $1.00 for each renewal and new subscription.

Sincerely, Mildred Evans

Mildred Evans

PROGRAM MATERIALS

Wesleyan Service Guild-Grace M. Lawson

Come to Guild Week-end prepared to buy program and study materials. The Literature Room-117 James Dormitory will be open between sessions and you are invited to come in and browse as well as buy. If your Guild officers are not subscribers to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK we will be glad to send in the subscriptions for you. These magazines, our handbooks, and our program and study materials are our tools. Without them we cannot function as we should as Guild members.

Missionary Education and Service

-Mrs. C.G. Mainous (Emma)

Throughout the Conference Guild members have been busy with program and studies. I have had some interesting reports on presentation of studies.

I hope that many of you attended the District or Sub-District Study Conferences held in your District. This, as you know, is a new method of study including the total membership of the Church. Your experience and help will be needed by the Commission on Missions in your local church.

In order to better prepare for the studies this year may I urge you to attend School of Mission at Centenary College. The studies look interesting and the program and personnel at School of Christian Mission will challenge you to study.

Spiritual Life Cultivation

Mrs.M.C. Baldridge

To each of you who gave so freely of yourself and time to Guild Weekend at Centenary College, July 22-24, 1966, my sincere thanks. I am deeply grateful for your kind cooperation.

RECOMMENDATIONS 1967-1968

That the Spiritual Life Chairman continue to promote the use of resource material, special observances, observance of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Retreats, Time-Apart, Quiet Days and that Prayer Groups be encouraged.

The 1967 "Prayer Calendar" has many new features which you will find most helpful to you. You must not be without this valuable tool.

May God's guidance and blessings be with each of you as you continue in His work.

Program

GUILD WEEKEND

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
Louisiana Conference - The Mehodist Church
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana
July 21-23, 1967

PROGRAM

TEME: "Lift Us To High Resolve - Through Faith - In Christ - For Service"

Friday, July 21, 1967

4:00 P.M. Registration James Dormitory
Mrs. Violet Dickens, Chairman
6:00 Supper Snack Ruston District
8:00-9:00 Fellowship Monroe District
9:00 Meditation Mrs. Milton Baldridge

Saturday, July 22, 1967

7:00 A.M. Morning Watch Amphitheater
Mrs. Irene Deas (Ruston District)
7:30 Breakfast
8:00 Registration James Dormitory
8:00-8:45 Program Materials Room 117, James Dormitory (available for purchase) Miss Grace Lawson

9:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY-
Hurley Music Buildiing Auditorium
Miss Mildred Evans, Presidiing
Theme Hymm "Heralds of Christ" No. 482
Prayer Mrs. Helen Owen (Monroe District)
Introductions
Announcements
Christian Service Times
Miss Marilyn J. Carter
Theme Message Mrs. C. R. McCammon
9:45-10:00 Break Shreveport District

10:00-10:45 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY GROUPS:
(Eech person should attend the session of her choice)
District Secretaries and Presidents
Miss Mildred Evans
Christian Social Relations
Miss Elizabeth Langford
Missionary Education and Service
Mrs. C.G. Mainous
Program Materials Miss Grace Lawson
Spiritual Life Cultivation-
Mrs. Milton Baldridge
Tresurers and Supply Work
Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Miss Dorothy Dunbar

11:05-12:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY Hurley Auditorium
Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Presiding
Membership Cultivation (Speaker to be confirmed)

12:15 P.M. Lunch
1:45 GENERAL ASSEMBLY Hurley Auditorium
Mrs. Clayton G. Mainous, Presiding
Hymn "Guild Hymn"
Prayer Miss Sara Wadsworth (Baton Rouge District)
Announcements

2:00 Presentation of Studies
Mrs. J. Russell Henderson
2:30 Application Groups (Leaders to be Assigned)
3:30 Free Time Program Materials Room to be Opened
5:30 Supper

7:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY Hurley Auditorium
Miss Elizabeth Langford, Presiding
7:00-7:15 Fellowship in Song (Song leader to be confirmed)
7:15-9:00 DIALOGICAL THINKING SESSIONS
Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Mrs. J. Russell Henderson

Sunday, July 23, 1967

7:00 A.M. Morning Watch Amphitheater
Mrs. Elsie Ellis (Shreveport District)
7:30 Breakfast
8:30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY Hurley Auditorium
Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding
Hymn "Guild Hymn"
Prayer
Leadership Performance (Leaders to be Assigned)
Speaker (To be confirmed)
9:30 Business
Reports
10:30 Break
10:50 A.M. WORSHIP Hurley Auditorium
Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge, Presiding
Prelude
Call to Worship Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge
Hymn "Walk in the Light" No. 378
Responsive Reading Leader,
Miss Dorothy Dunbar
Affirmation of Faith
Gloria Patri
Prayer Miss Maree White
Offering
Doxology
Special Music (To be confirmed)
Message Reverend George Pearce
District Superintendent, Shreveport District
Hymn "Heralds of Christ" No. 482
Benediction Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge
Adjournment
12:15 P.M. Lunch

Guild Weekend

Program Chairman

Miss Maree White

The Guild Weekend program chairman is Miss Maree White, Guild Conference Recording Secretary. Maree teaches seniors at Opelousas High School as a profession. Her church and Guild memberships are at the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church. Before becoming Conference Recording Secretary in 1963 she served in most offices in the local Guild and served four years as Lafayette District Secretary.

We look forward to the Guild Weekend program with the theme "Lift Us To High Resolve-Through Faith-In Christ For Service."

School of Christian Mission - -

Mrs. G. W. Dameron

Mrs. H. M. Russell

Mrs. W. E. Trice

Christ & the Faiths of Man

ENCOUNTER OF THE FAITHS by George Wayland Carpenter $1.75

THE BIBLE AND THE FAITHS OF MEN by Dr. V.E. Devedutt $ .85

STUDY-ACTION MANUAL "CHRIST AND THE FAITHS OF MEN" by Mrs. C. SJ. Hunter $1.25

What does the man of another faith, or of none, see and hear as he looks at your church and mine, at you and at me -- Christians? Those choosing this application group will study other faiths and search for a way to relate to these faiths in a lively, practical and Christian Way. They will consider too, what we can say about our faith and how we should say it.

Leaders of the two application groups on "Christ and the Faiths of Men" will be:

Mrs. G.W.Dameron, a native, Louisianian, has served the Woman's Society at every level and has been a member of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. She is the immediate past-president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society.

Estelle has taught in Schools of Christian Mission throughout the South Central Jurisdiction and was assistant dean of the Gulf Regional School for two years. She has been chairman of the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations and is presently serving as chairman of the Conference Committee on Mission Studies. She was a delegate to the 1964 and 1966 General Conference and to the 1966 World Council of The Methodist Church in London, England.

Mrs. Dameron is the wife of the Reverend George Dameron and they have one son, Dr. George Dameron, Jr., and three grandchildren.

Mrs. H.M. Russell, a native of Tennessee, is also married to a Methodist minister, a District Superintendent in the Holston Conference. She has served as president of the Holston Conference Woman's Society, has served one term as Secretary of promotion for the Southeastern Jurisdiction and is now president of that jurisdiction.

Ecumenicity

Ecumenicity (church unity) is one of the most discussed developments within Christianity this century and yet few of us are really aware of what it is all about. This course gives scriptural and theological bases for it, outlines the history and discusses the spirit in which we need to consider and grow in church unity.

EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL IS ASKED TO READ THE TEXT FOR THIS COURSE--That the World May Believe by Albert C. Outler $1.00. This is important since all application groups will be related to the topic of Ecumenism through the plenary sessions.

Guide to "That the World May Believe" by Dorothy McConnell

Leader for the application group on Ecumenicity will be Mrs. W.E. Trice, wife of Dr. W.E. Trice, pastor of University Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. The Trice's served the University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge for twenty-five years. Mrs. Trice has served the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service as secretary of student work, youth work, and as recording secretary. She has been president of the Baton Rouge District Woman's Society, a delegate to South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society and assistant editor of Louisiana Conference News.

Leora is an experienced teacher in Schools of Christian Mission. Her other interests range from Family Court through tennis and P.T.A. to flowers. She is presently engaged in trying to make azaleas, camellias, and hibiscus act in North Texas as they do in Louisiana

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Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar

Mrs. W. B. Landrum

Mrs. Dean Isaacs

Japan

Japan has moved ahead in the past twenty years in tremendous strides and her people have adjusted to change in the world about them, in their way of life. in their attitudes and values. The church in Japan is seeking a way to interpret the Gospel to modern man so that he can recognize in it the answer to his need. We need to know more of the method of adjusting to change and of interpreting the gospel in a time of change. The study of Japan at this time is of particular value.

The Response of the Church in Changing Japan by Charles H. Germany, $1.75 and the Adult Guide on Japan by Miriam Brattain ($.75) are backed up by the Adult-Youth book, This Is Japan Today by Buma giving three excellent tools for the study of Japan.
Leading the study in the Louisiana school will be:

Mrs. Sam Dunbar, business woman with the Federation of Churches in New Orleans. Mrs. Dunbar has served as conference officer in missionary education and supply work and was the South Central Jurisdiction secretary of supply for eight years. She has traveled extensively--has visited Japan twice and was in Africa this past summer.

Mrs. W.B. Landrum, Regional Secretary for the Woman's Division--in the Atlanta Region, has had wide experience in the work of the Woman's Society at local, district, conference and jurisdiction levels and was a member of the Board of Missions in the second quadrennium. Mrs. Landrum is an accredited teacher and has taught courses on the work of the Woman's Society. In 1962 she traveled around the world spending six weeks in Japan and six in Korea in leadership development with the women and in speaking in churches, colleges and universities in Japan and Korea.

Man and Community

PATHS TO WORLD ORDER, the text for the application group "Man and Community" is written by Andrew W. Cordier and Kenneth Maxwell. At a time when we sense a great need for understanding of our fellow men and for channels of communication around the world, titles such as these for the text and this application group call us to study.

The group will be led in the Louisiana school by Mrs. Dean Isaacs, daughter of a Methodist minister and wife of a range conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service. Mrs. Isaacs has served the Woman's Society of Christian Service as Conference secretary of membership cultivation and district secretary of missionary education and service as well as in ecumenical movements. She is a church organist, teaches piano, and has two sons--one, a senior at the University of Texas, working in anthropology and related social problems in research; and one, teaching in the physics department at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Program Materials

A NOTE FROM MRS. ROBERT REICH--Louisiana Conference Secretary of Program Materials:

Order your texts for these studies ahead from: SERVICE CENTER, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, -- 45237. You will have faster, more accurate service if you will order them through your local secretary of program materials. Service Center has a computerized system for handling orders and your local secretary of program materials has a card and number on file there which allows orders going through her to move in streamlined fashion.

The Conference Woman's Society has two copies of the film strip "The Walls Fall Down" which will help your church or society understand the steps toward dissolving the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, Write Mrs. Robert Reich, 333 East Boyd, Baton Rouge--70808, if you are interested.

Wesleyan Service Guild

Annual Spring Meeting

The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Spring Meeting was entertained in Lake Charles with the Julia Reid unit of First Methodist Church serving as the hostess Guild.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton set the tone of the meeting with her meditation Saturday afternoon on "What Talents I Possess". Her talk was followed by Holy Communion under the direction of Dr. G.W. Pomeroy. The afternoon session featured a talk "One World, One Witness" by Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division. The Saturday evening dinner speaker was Mr. Larry Pleimann, who served as a missionary to the Republic of Congo. Mrs. Pleimann led the meditation at the Sunday morning session.

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Steere showed slides and told of their experiences in Bolivia last summer when they took a work group of young people to assist Carl and Julia Williams.

The Pledge Service Saturday afternoon was led by Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer. District Secretaries, for their districts, pledged the total of $23,503 to the support of missions:

Alexandria	$2296.00	Monroe	$3816.00
Baton Rouge	2974.00	New Orleans	3003.00
Lafayette	1886.00	Ruston	2798.00
Lake Charles	3277.00	Shreveport	3453.00

The offering taken Saturday afternoon, $270.00 was dedicated to missions undesignated, in honor of Miss Arline Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann. Corsage for Missions sales amounted to $105.

There was an excellent attendance from all districts: Alexandria 17, Baton Rouge 23, Lafayette 16, Lake Charles 55, Monroe 22, New Orleans 29, Ruston 11, Shreveport 13, Woman's Society 4, Total 190.

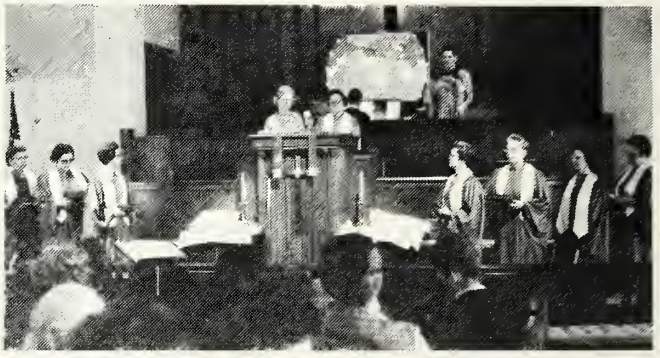
The following recommendations from the Conference Guild executive committee were adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS 1967--1968

The following recommendations were adopted at the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Spring Meeting, March 17--19, 1967, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and are proposed as guidelines for all officers, chairmen, and members:

1. That MEMBERSHIP CULTIVATION become a vital part of the program of the Wesleyan Service Guild through the work of every member, guided by an interested and active MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.
2. That we avail ourselves of the opportunities for study and growth offered in our School of Christian Mission, our Guild Weekend, our Annual Meeting, our District Meetings, and Officer's Training.
3. That we work with the Commission on Missions in our local Churches to bring to the total membership better study programs.
4. That each member, through the District Secretaries and and local treasurers, be encouraged to increase her pledge to missions.
5. That each district, through its District Secretary, be encouraged and urged to meet its pledge to missions and that the use of the "Special Mission Banks" and/or "My World Bank" be continually promoted.
6. That each local Guild continue to include in its budget a Supplementary Gift for MacDonell Center in accordance with the recommendations of The Guild Committee for 1966-1967.
7. That our Supply Work askings be accepted and met before consideration is given by members for offerings for other projects.
8. That the local secretaries send the list of newly-elected officers (on forms provided), immediately after their election in February, to the district secretaries, and that the district secretaries send the lists of newly elected district officers and local presidents (on forms provided) to the conference secretary before April 15th.
9. That the Spiritual Life Chairmen continue to promote the use of resource material, special observances, observance of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, Retreats, Time-apart, Quiet Days. That prayer groups be encouraged.
10. That as Christian women, realizing that we are a part of the community in which we live, we actively participate in and contribute to its social, political, and economic issues.
11. That every officer and chairman, through the Program Materials Chairman, subscribe to and read The Methodist Woman and World Outlook.
12. That every member support and subscribe to CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES.
13. That the offering Saturday afternoon, March 18, 1967, be dedicated to Missions undesignated in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann and Miss Arline Tyler.

Mrs. R.M. Steere, Ruston District Secretary, Miss Mildred Evons, Conference Secretary, Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman of Program Materials--Wesleyan Service Guild



PLEDGE SERVICE AT SPRING MEETING OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

DISTRICT NEWS

SHREVEPORT --Miss Elizabeth Lowery--District Secretary

"Total Mission To A Total World", the theme of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild, was adopted as the special interest of the Annual Shreveport District Meeting at a committee meeting held in Coushatta February 12. The District will meet for the third consecutive year at the "Y" Camp at Forbing May 6th. The day will open with a committee meeting at 10:30 A.M. and the General Session will begin at 11:00 Among the features planned for the day will be a "Snack Lunch" at 12:30, election and installation of new officers a Bazaar for Missions, two general interest groups at 11:00 A.M. and 3:15 P.M. a catered dinner at 5:30 and a talk by Mrs. George Pearce, Jr.

The members of the district are looking forward to the Guild Weekend at Centenary in July with much anticipation. Plans for registration, coffee breaks, and a contact person for arrangements at Centenary have been made and others will be completed at the May meeting.

The W.S.C.S. of the Shreveport District included the Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the Guild in their plans for the SEMINAR at the Mental Health Center in Shreveport on March 9.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

ALEXANDRIA –Miss Bessie M. Ralla–District Secretary

The Wesleyan Service Guilds in the Alexandria District are presently engaged in the Study of Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians. Those Guilds that have already completed this study are studying James and First Peter - Christian Being and Doing. From the reports I have had, much interest has been exhibited in the studies.

We are most happy to report the organization of a new Guild at Jonesville. They have a potential of 30 working women. Those with whom the District Officers met were anxious and most enthusiastic and it is our belief a strong, active Guild can be realized here.

Much stress is being placed on our Spring Meeting at Lake Charles in March.

Our District Spring Meeting was held at the Pollock Methodist Church, Pollock, Louisiana, April 2, 1967, at 2:00 P.M.

BATON ROUGE –Mrs. Joe L. Rountree, Jr.– District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guild had its annual Citizenship Brunch on Sunday, January 22, 1967, at 1 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Dr. Bentley Sloane, District Superintendent, was the guest speaker. His subject was "Living in an Upside Down World."

Guild members, Woman's Society members, pastors and their wives, and other visitors from throughout the district attended the brunch. There were 102 present for the meal.

Mrs. Florence Barnes, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations, was in charge of the arrangements. The local chairmen helped with the different phases of the planning and decorations.

LAFAYETTE –Miss Hermine Tate–District Secretary

The District Guild Committee attended a luncheon at the home of the district secretary on January 15th, at which time plans were formulated for the spring district meeting to be held on April 30th, with the Asbury Guild in their beautiful new sanctuary on Live Oak Blvd. in Lafayette. Also during the afternoon a "Self Study" was led by Mrs. R.R. Branton for the thirteen Guild committee members representing six Guilds.

Three Guilds have reported giving "In Memorials", three giving from one to two Life Memberships, and I understand a few more are to be presented before the fourth quarter report is due. Two have turned in money from their world banks.

Guild month was observed in about as many different ways as we have Guilds. The Abbeville Guild enjoyed a program given by Mrs. James Sawyer, wife of the Presbyterian minister from Abbeville. She depicted her life as a child of 12 when she lived in India. Also Abbeville sings praises to their coordinator Mrs. Ray Kindrick. The Houma Guild had a program presented by Mr. Jerry Moon. Director of Dulac Community Center. At this time Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. Mildred Robinson and Mrs. Virginia Wade Ryder.

I attended the district executive committee meeting and luncheon of the Woman's Society of Christian Service held in the home of Mrs. Fox in New Iberia in December. I also attended one of the Fall Coaching conferences of the Lake Charles District.

Being District Secretary is a most enjoyable and challenging experience. I do have a wonderful committee to work with, and our District President and Treasurer of Woman's Society are always so helpful.

MONROE –Mrs. Austin Miller –District Secretary

It was the high privilege of the Monroe District to have Mrs. Glenn Laskey meet with the W.S.C.S. and Guilds of First Church, Monroe, in a joint meeting celebrating Guild Month in January, Guilds and W.S.C.S. from throughout the Monroe District were guests at the meeting and at the reception which followed.

Also at the meeting celebrating Guild Month, the Monroe District honored Helen Owen of West Monroe as "Guild Woman of the Year" and presented her with a Life Membership in recognition of her services as Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairman and as "mother' of our new Guild at Claiborne Church in West Monroe.

The new Claiborne Guild is off to a fine start. Officers were officially installed in January with Mrs. O.G. Fleming serving as President. There are 14 enthusiastic charter members who are making plans for an active year.

NEW ORLEANS –Mrs. W. Lester Beard – District Secretary

All Guilds in the District are quite busy with reports, election of officers, spiritual life cultivation studies, and church wide studies.

The New Orleans District had a Tea for Guild Month, Jan. 22, at First Methodist Church, at which time Mrs. Tish Kraak presented "Twenty Changes in a Hat Box". This was enjoyed by all and we made our quota for our chartered bus for our Conference Guild Weekend.

Munholland Guild served dinner for the Centenary College Choir in January when the Choir was on Tour.

Many of the First Church Guild Members took part in the Twenty-Four Hour Prayer Vigil for the Church's Every Member Canvas.

Mrs. Jackson, our District Christian Social Concern Chairman, with her local Chairman made a survey of the Guild members and found 75% of the total membership to be Registered Voters.

Every Guild in the District had a Treasurer's Report for this Quarter and I'm sure the final report will be a good one.

The District Wesleyan Service Guild and the District Woman's Society of Christian Service had a combined executive meeting in February. It was a great meeting.

RUSTON –Mrs. R. M. Steere–District Secretary

Almost every Guild in the District has been, or is now, participating in one or more of the Studies. Some held Studies in cooperation with the Woman's Society or were part of the Church-wide study, while others presented the study within the guild.

Bessie Fairley, Irene Moncrief, and Bennett Steere, of Trinity Church, Ruston, visited the Guild in Springhill at their February meeting, where Bennett showed slides and spoke on her experiences in Bolivia. This presentation was also given at the Church-wide Study in Homer, Jonesboro, and Gibsland and at other occasions at the Church in Arcadia, Lakeview (Minden) and Grace (Ruston).

A few Guilders were able to attend the Woman's Society District Spiritual Life "Day Apart" which was held at Camp Alabama (near Ruston) in January. It was a mountain-top experience and we look forward to the time when we can have a similar retreat for the Guilds of the District.

The District Spring Meeting will be held from 2-4 P.M. on Sunday, April 16, at the Jonesboro Church. Inspirational speaker will be Mrs. G.W. Dameron, immediate Past-President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. We anticipate again having representation from every Guild in the District.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY-

The President's Corner

The year ahead holds many challenges and opportunities for service. In a short while after you receive this paper, many of you will have been installed as officers in your local and district societies and all of you will have pledged your support to those who are to serve as officers.

The Annual Meetings of both the districts and the conference are successfully, behind us, and now is the time to turn our attention toward SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION where we will have further opportunity for fellowship, inspiration and study. Our minds will be stretched and our vision enlarged as we participate in the studies which will be presented. Capable leaders have been secured for the 1967 School of Christian Mission. You will be reading of their qualification and interests in other sections of the paper. It is hoped and expected that each society will have representation at the school.

At no other time in history have women been called to assume leadership in so many areas of concern. Special emphasis will be given to training for leadership performance. This will be an excellent opportunity to gain experience in leading groups.

The response of the local societies toward the payment of the ten thousand dollar supplementary gift to MacDonell Methodist Center has been most gratifying. This will be a continuing project until the amount of the gift is paid in full. Please put this item in your budget again this year. Do not confuse this with Supply Work Askings.

MRS. CHARLES B. MCGOWAN

District Presidents of the Louisiono Conference Woman's Society, who gove district reports in the form of on inspiring chorol reoding ot the Annuol Meeting of the Womon's Society, were; (front) Mrs. Clifford Rotliff, Boton Rouge; Mrs. Robert Compton, Loke Charles; Mrs. George Tigner, Jr., Ruston; (bock) Mrs. T. E. Kirkpotrick, Shreveport; Mrs. Don Wineinger, Monroe; Mrs. V. W. Cothren, New Orleans; Mrs. George Thomos, Lofayette; and Mrs. B. E. Thibodeoux, Alexondrio.

Mrs. Corl Golloher, Conference Treosurer, ond Mrs. J. R. Kavonough, Shreveport District Treosurer.

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DISTRICT AND LOCAL CHAIRMEN OF PROGRAM MATERIALS: Your support and cooperation in this matter of subscriptions is needed and appreciated. Will you help to see that every member is contacted personally? Work to make your district and unit 100% in subscriptions.

GOAL: That every district set its own goal. We would like to suggest that your quota be within the range of 35 to 75% of the total membership of your district. We would like to be able to report that every district has some units with 100% subscription.

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The President's Corner

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

This summer has been filled to overflowing with opportunities for fellowship, extended horizons, and the knowledge of the dialogue of the Methodist Church with other denominations and faiths. We've been involved in some of this dialogue ourselves.

One of the most important and far reaching meetings held this summer was that of the CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ASSEMBLY which met on the Campus of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., vice-president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was the representative from Louisiana Conference to this meeting. I want to share with you some NEWS that has come from the Board of Missions concerning this meeting. "Methodists were involved in a major way in this Assembly. For the first time a Methodist Woman, Mrs. James M. Dolbey, Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected to the office of President. Mrs. J. Russel Henderson, Little Rock, Arkansas, vice-president of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions, was chairman of the Assembly Committee. Mrs. J. William Sonnenday, St. Louis, Missouri, a member of the Board of Missions and of the Woman's Division, was chairman of the Forums and Business Committee of the Assembly. Mrs. Sonnenday was elected a vice-president and Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, Louisiana, President of the Woman's Division, is one of the 24 Methodist women elected to the 125 member Board of Managers."

Mrs. Dolbey, in an address to 2000 women from every state and fifty countries, made the following statement: "Today's woman has particular contributions to give the urban society. She has a voice to express her aspirations as well as her fears; she is a channel for communication, and most certainly can be a reconciling force in solving the problems created by a society striving to live fully at all levels."

You have heard much of the Unmet Needs on the Mission Field — both on the national and world field. From the NEWS in connection with Methodist Information, Miss Florence Little, treasurer of the Woman's Division, shared this information with us. "The giving of Methodist Women through Societies and Guilds provides about 40 percent of the income for the Board of Missions for its work in the United States and 48 countries overseas. The Woman's Division is the largest single source of Board income and virtually the only one that showed an increase in fiscal 1967." Miss Little went on to say: "For a century, Methodist women have organized themselves to give to missions. They have given money, time, and searching study to God's word and to the world. And women have a special talent for caring about meeting the needs of other persons."

In this very busy life one does not read without planning ahead and without being selective. On my bed-

MRS. CHARLES B. McGOWAN

side table are several books with jackets designed and colored to catch the eye and with titles that challenge and intrigue one to read. I know that I shall not get them all read, but I have set for myself a goal of reading at least three of them before Christmas. These are books which will direct my thinking in many directions. Three or four of them are those I have already read but which bear rereading. Some of them I have suggested that you might read. I am mentioning the titles again for fear that you might have forgotten to be on the alert for them. I know that you will get much from reading each of these. Won't you try to read at least two before Christmas?

A HARD RAIN AND A CROSS — L. Harold Dewolf
CREATIVE WOMAN — Dorothy Goldberg
FEMININE CRISIS IN CHRISTIAN FAITH — Elizabeth Achtemeier
TASTE OF NEW WINE — Keith Miller
DISCIPLINES OF THE SPIRIT — Howard Thurman
A CHRISTIAN AGNOSTIC — Leslie D. Weatherhead
CHALLENGE OF LEISURE — Charles K. Brightbill

This last title really intrigues me and I may just let that be the first one I read; then I might learn how to find time to read the other books.

We are well into the year 1967–1968. I hope that this will be a year filled with worthwhile undertakings in Our Lord's name and a year full of enriching experiences for each of us as Christian women. "Let us be about our Father's Business."

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS — Pages 1, 2, 7, 8
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NEWS — Pages 3, 4, 5, 6

YOU ARE IN THE PICTURE!

YOUR AE A STAFF MEMBER glod to take on a difficult job but foced everyday with problems you hove no bockground to solve. The director says there ore no funds ot this time for the promised "in-service troining."

YOU ARE A MAINTENANCE MAN with the job of keeping equipment and buildings in good order – but for how long? – How long without replocement or renew ol. Things DO weor out!

YOU ARE A TEACHER with o heort both wormed ond oching because of the excited response of your students. You know they have just finished reoding the lost thing ovoilable for them to reod in their longuoge – unless they move on to the highly ottroctive communist literoture reody and woiting for them – ot every reoding level.

YOU ARE A BOARD MEMBER and someone hos just asked you why the building is closed for the summer – why the wonderful program with excepfional children had to be dropped – why so few teachers are being hired for the important work with kindergartners.

YOU ARE A DIRECTOR OF A MISSION PROJECT needing to hire competant stoff for difficult, highly responsible services – but you con offer only o froction of the going solory for these services.

YOU ARE A DOCTOR trained to diognose and treat disease, but osked to do it without instruments – ond agoinst o bockground of such severe, unrelieved famine thot every symptom is intensified ond response is slow–slow.

YOU ARE AMEMBER OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OR THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD. You have just been asked to meet your pledge and to double your supply giving this yeor. WHY?

YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OR THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD. YOU HAVE JUST BEEN ASKED TO MEET YOUR PLEDGE AND TO DOUBLE YOUR SUPPLY GIVING THIS YEAR. WHY?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why are societies and guilds asked to double their giving on *1967-68* supply work assignments?
   Because the Woman's Division has never been able to meet the nedds of projects.

2. Will projects receive this extra giving this year?
   No. Projects will receive Supply Work money on the basis of the asking which were approved for *1967-1968.*

3. What will be done with the extra money?
   It will be used as pledge money to meet unmet needs (see above) not provided for in the *1967-1968* appropriations made by the Woman's Division to the World and National Divisions.

4. Will pledge credit be given for this extra amount?
   Yes. Make remittance in the same manner as presently provided on local, district and conference remittance blanks. Then pledge credit will be given in the office for the Woman's Division and reported to your conference Treasurer.

5. Will things be like this next year, too?
   There will be new remittance blanks for next year and conference will not be assigned supply work asking, but there will be a greater emphasis on giving to the total program and more information about specific programs will be made available through periodic mailing of promotional and educational materials.

6. Then how will conferences determine their pledge to missions for *1968-69*?
   The pledge to Missions for *1968-69* will be the amount pledged in *1967-68* with the annual i•crease plus the amount paid on supply work in *1967-68.*

7. How will this affect the Secretary of Supply Work?
   A new emphasis will be added to her line of work. She will have the responsibility for education and interpretation relating to particular projects and programs.

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF METHODIST WOMAN WILL CARRY AN IMPORTANT ARTICLE EXPLAINING THESE CHANGES IN SUPPLY WORK GIVING. BE SURE AND STUDY IT CAREFULLY.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Secretary's Pen

My dear Friends:
Our 21st Annual Guild Weekend, with its theme "Lift Us To High Resolve...Through Faith... In Christ...For Service" and its many changes, again held on the beautiful campus of Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, July 21–23, 1967, is now a matter of record. We are grateful to those who shared the responsibility of making this program a success and to the Shreveport District for the many courtesies extended We appreciate the interest, cooperation, and help of all who were there. Those of you who were not there were missed. We hope you will make every effort to be at Guild Weekend next year.

May 5–7 your Christian Social Relations Chairman Missionary Education and Service Chairman, and Conference Secretary attended the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild South Central Jurisdiction entitled Leadership Performance. The meeting was held at Mt. Sequoyah and built around the idea of leadership performance; that is, how may people learn to perform best as leaders and as participants in group solving of pertinent problems.

June 19–23, your Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education and Service, and Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairmen, and your Conference Secretary attended the Gulf Region School of Christian Mission at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. "One Common Faith" was the program theme. In addition to the studies: Ecumenism, Japan, Christ and the Faiths of Men, and Man and Community, presented in the plenary sessions and application groups, the program emphasis was "Leadership". Again, with group solving problems, we performed as leaders and participants.

July 17–21 your Conference Secretary attended the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. There too, the program theme was "One Common Faith". In addition to the studies presented in the plenary sessions and the application groups, there, too, the emphasis was Leadership Development. This was an exceptionnally good school, with excellent teachers and a most capable leadership chairman, Mrs. C. R. McCammon.

We welcome into our fellowship a new unit at Jonesville Methodist Church in Jonesville, La. in the Alexandria District. The President is Mrs. S. B. Dampier. We wish for the officers and members of this unit success and growth in their Christian witness and in adding to their fellowship and ours. May they be an inspiration to us and may we be an inspiration and help to them.

As we near the end of this quadrennium, we shall be faced with the possibility of significant changes in some areas of organization. We are being given the opportunity to offer suggestions as to changes we feel would benefit the Guild. It is hoped that each officer and member will take a personal interest and active part in the suggested experiment with with new patterns of organization.

Again, may I say that this is your Guild and the success or failure of its program is in your hands. We covet your prayers, support, cooperation, and presence at your Annual Spring Meeting and your Guild Weekend.

Sincerely,
Mildred Evans

IN MEMORIAM

"... And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10:28.
Mrs. Bill (Drew) Watkins; A member of First Church Guild, Lafayette, La.

Missionary Education and Service

-Mrs. C.G. Mainous (Emma)

As we look forward to the year 1967–68, there are many opportunities for learning, spiritual enrichment, and fellowship.

A good beginning is School of Christian Mission and Guild Weekend at Centenary College, July 17–23, 1967. With a good background in Ecumenicity and Leadership we are well equipped to move on to South Central Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, July 31–August 3, 1967. Here we will find the purpose is "Inspiration and Training in the Missionary Task of the Church."

There is still time to register for the "Tour of Alaska" or the "Around the World Tour." Please ask your District Chairman of Missionary Education and Service or your Local President for details.

Be sure and reserve a place on your calendar for April 19–21, 1967, and attend the "Weekend Mission Seminar" at Business Girls Inn, Shreveport, La. Here we will see one of our projects function.

Every effort should be made to work with the District Mission Conference that will be under the direction of the District Chairman in your District. The District Missionary Education and Service Chairman is a part of this Committe. Local Chairmen should work with the Commissions on Missions in the local churches.

Let us Study, Project, and Strive to grow in knowledge and Spiritual understanding, as we seek to lead others in like experiences.

Committee On Nominations

Available this year from Service Center is a helpful little book (25¢), **The Committee on Nominations.** I would recommend that each unit have a copy for the Chairman of Nominations and that each member of the District and Conference Committees on Nominations keep a copy handy for reference. Other helps are readily accessible in the January 1967 METHODIST WOMAN (25¢ form Service Center) on JOB DESCRIPTIONS and from the various handbooks.

Guild Prayer Retreat

At the 1967 Guild Weekend Mrs. Milton Baldridge, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, announced tentative plans for a prayer retreat to be held at Hot Wells, near Alexandria, probably in Jan. Mrs. Baldridge obtained the approval of the group and agreed to finalize the plans and report the details later.

Jurisdiction Guild Weekend

Being on the mountain top at Mount Sequoyah was a wonderful experience. Of the 416 Guilders attending the meeting, 350 were housed on the mountain, while the others found accommodations down in Fayetteville. Eleven Louisiana women attended: Mrs. Bennet Steere and Miss Hermine Tate, voting Delegates; Miss Mildred Evans, Mrs. Emma Mainous, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Miss Marie Pace, Mrs. Bee Sandefur, Mrs. Rita Keoun, Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, and Mrs. C. B. McGowan.

Facilities at the Western Methodist Assembly grounds have been constantly improved under the administration of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell. Air-conditioned buildings include a modern cafeteria, the completely remodeled and re-decorated Clapp Auditorium and several of the bricked cottages. These make summer meetings pleasant and inviting in every way.

The Theme, "A Cup of Water" was carried out in every phase of our two-day program. The table graces and worship settings in the dining room were most attractive and meaningful. The outdoor worship services at Vesper Point were really "mountain top experiences."

The speakers were excellent. We were inspired to present our lives as cups to be filled by the Lord, and overflowing into every life we touch. Each of us was challenged to Christian renewal—as a person and as a Guild—to become involved, to stretch our giving to help in meeting pleas for funds for Christian endeavors in every part of the world, to recognize the joy in our souls and share it abroad.

One of the penetrating presentations of ideas came on the last morning as three members of the Jurisdiction and Division Guild Committees spoke in a panel-skit. "If you believe the Church should be in the world, why?" they asked. "Why should we be the heaven? Where? How?" We were reminded that the Guild needs to be available for opportunities to be of SERVICE, to put into practice Christian ideas. If we are too tied down with "Church Work" we are merely serving ourselves. "Suppose there was no Wesleyan Service Guild and it was within your power to set one up," they questioned, "what guidelines would you set up for the task which needs to be done?"

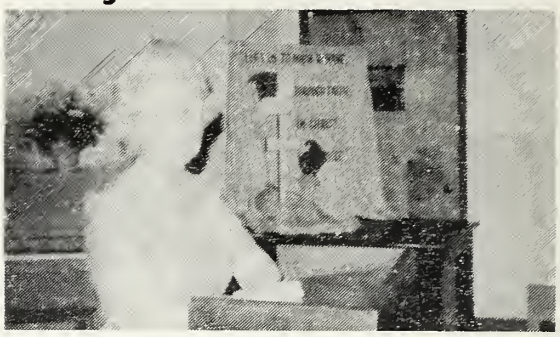
In seeking to help members experience renewal in and through the Guild, three experimental plans were briefly described as they are being tried in three Guilds: Plan 1. The Guild has two areas only — 1. Mission (to give the employed woman a sense of) and 2. Structure ("He governs best who governs least.") There is an executive committee of five women, with a rotating chairman. Plan 2. The Guild is divided into two parts — 1. Christian Experience (Worship, study, exploration) and 2. Christian Response (Missionary Service, Christian Social Relations) Plan 3. Guild has three Committees: Executive, Finance, and Nominations. It will be most interesting to hear more details of these plans and have reports from the Guilds trying them.

The Pledge Service was most impressive. Each of the fifteen Conference Secretaries of the South Central Jurisdiction brought from her own Conference a cup of water.

A world was placed on a table near the center of the stage. As each Conference Secretary Marched down to pour her cup of water over the world, symbolizing concern of the members in her Conference and the sharing of the cup of water with the entire world, she listed some of the places our pledge money helped to support.

The total amount pledged for the South Central Jurisdiction was $344,285. The amount our own Louisiana Conference Secretary pledged for us was $23,503.

Lift Us To High Resolve Through Faith..In Christ..For Service



Miss Mildred Evans, Secretary, Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, presiding at Guild Weekend in July.

The above theme for the Twenty-First Annual Guild Weekend was lifted into the hearts of Guilders from every district in the Louisiana Conference by Mrs. C. R. McCammon who spoke at the first general assembly on Saturday morning, July 22. The sessions were held in Mickle Hall on the campus of Centenary College.

After the plenary session in which Mr. C. G. Mainous introduced the four studies for the new year, four application groups examined the studies separately and more intensively.

During the Saturday afternoon the conference officers presented a Dialog through which instruction in new policies and techniques was given with emphasis on the new financial pattern.

Mrs. W. D. Cotton of Rayville, accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Oseland at the piano, led the group in spirited hymn singing to open the evening session, after which the members were divided into eight groups for discussion of social problems and areas of concern.

The Sunday morning assembly featured a talk by Miss Carole Cotton, a US—2 with the Board of Missions, now serving in Mississippi rural work. The joy in her work that she expressed was impressed upon her hearers who caught some of her enthusiasm and went away with a new understanding of the work in this field and a new appreciation for the youth of this land as exemplified by Miss Cotton.

"A Cup of Water" titled the report by two Louisiana Guild delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend; Miss Hermine Tate and Mrs. R. M. Steere described the impressive meeting under that theme.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron presented The Book of Colossians, pointing out opportunities for leadership, and in her own inspiring way make this espistle by Paul more meaningful for all who heard her.

An eagerly-awaited feature of the Guild Weekend was the presentation of the Elizabeth Langford Award to Alexandria and Monroe Districts in recognition of the organization of new Guild Units. Miss Langford presented a gift to missions and a plaque featuring the Guild Emblem. Miss Bessie Rollo and Mrs. Austin Miller, District Secretaries, accepted the award in behalf of their respective districts.

At the Sunday morning worship hour Mrs. Milton Baldridge, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, presided. She introduced Dr. Jack Wilkes, President of Centenary College, who brought the message of the hour.

Throughout the weekend, the able leadership of the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Mildred Evans, was felt and appreciated.

Spiritual blessing was felt on every occasion when persons in the line of Spiritual Life Cultivation gave moments of worship — at morning watch, at every session, and at mealtime. It was truly a weekend of spiritual enrichment.

Miss Elizabeth Langford (left) presenting the Elizabeth Langford Award for the organization of new Guild Units to Miss Bessie Rollo for Alexandria District and to Mrs. Helen Owen and Mrs. Agnes Miller for Monroe District.

Christian Social Relations

Busy days are ahead for all local chairmen of Christian Social Relations. Almost every phase of Guild activity presented at jurisdiction, regional, or conference workshops, seminars, or weekends this summer have involved this important committee. The studies recommended for the coming year embrace social relations of Christians as we relate ourselves to our fellowmen.

Our Guild Weekend at Centenary challenged us to a theme of dedication – "LIFT US TO HIGH RESOLVE ...through Faith...in Christ...for Service." To live this challenge we Must be a concerned people. Some areas to which we must concern ourselves are:

VIETNAM – We appeal to the United States and the powers involved for an early, honorable, negotiated peace.

WORLD UNDERSTANDING WORKSHOPS – Dates for the "Spin off Workshops" in the near future will be announced.

REGISTER CHRISTIAN OPINION – Become a "3–Letter Woman" Watch the Methodist Woman for guidelines for action.

DISTRICT MEETINGS will interpret the program presented at the Conference Guild Weekend at Centenary. Plan to attend your district meeting, especially if you did not get to attend Centenary. Keep in touch with your district CSR chairman for these dates.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD SUBSCRIPTIONS

The following report indicates subscriptions by districts as of July 23, 1967:

District	Units	Units with Subcriptions	Members	Subscribers
Alexandria	12	9	189	36
Baton Rouge	13	7	223	54
Lafayette	8	8	161	49
Lake Charles	13	12	241	113
Moroe	17	13	305	48
New Orleans	11	7	192	65
Ruston	10	7	228	28
Shreveport	16	13	286	79
Totals	100	76	1825	472

TWO DISTRICTS HAVE NEW GUILD SECRETARIES

Lake Charles District

Mrs. Rosa McCullough, De Ridder, was elected in May to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. S. W. Spell, who had to resign because of their business taking them out of town for long periods of time.

Rosa, as she prefers to be called, is a member of the First Methodist Church and is active in its functions. She is recording secretary for the Commission on Education; is official church hostess; and has been as assistant teacher in the church school for ten years She has been a continuous member of the Susie Jones WSG since 1952 and has held all offices (except treasurer) and chaired many of the committees in the lines of work. District-wise she has served as chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation and of Missionary Education and Service, and as recording secretary.

A widow, Rosa lives with two sisters – Reine and Lou Bienvenu – who also are members of Susie Jones. Her employment is with Civil Service at Fort Polk where she is a clerk in the Medical Supply Office of the U. S. Army Hospital.

New Orleans District

Miss Margaret Field grew up in a small town in New Jersey. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Bucknell University and a Master's from the Hartford School of Religious Education and the Yale University School of Nursing.

Her first nursing experience with the Methodist Church was at Seward General Hospital, Seward, Alaska. Later serving as administrative assistant at Brewster Methodist Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. she felt the challenge to serve as a commissioned worker and answered the plea for more deaconesses from the ranks of Wesleyan Service Guild.

She was commissioned a deaconess in Atlantic City in May, 1962, by Bishop Raines.

Miss Field is now serving as nurse supervisor at the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans. Here she is nurse, teacher, mother, counselor, and friend. She wrote, "I am grateful that the Methodist Church is engaged in this work of compassion and love, and that I am privileged to be associated with it."

In the Spring of 1967, Miss Field became District Secretary of the New Orleans District. She is a member of Carrollton Church and serves on the official board and the Commission of Christian Social Concerns. She belongs to the American Association of University Women, the American Nurses' Association, and the National League for Nursing.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

ALEXANDRIA -Miss Bessie M. Rollo–District Secretary

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Alexandria District held its Spring Meeting at the Methodist Church in Pollock, April *2nd, 1967,* with the Pollock Guild as hostess.

There was a total of *41* in attendance with *8* out of *12* Guilds represented.

Two new officers were added to our District Staff at our District Spring Meeting. Mrs. Doris Hall of Montgomery was elected chairman of Program Materials and Mrs. Bee Sandefur, chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Three others were re-elected in their same capacities for another two years. Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux presided at the installation.

The District Executive Committee Meeting was held May *28th, 1967,* at Holiday Inn, Alexandria, at *2:00* P.M. Sixteen attended this meeting with *10* out of *12* Guilds represented. Plans were discussed and meeting dates set for the District during this Guild year (*1967-68*). Coaching Conference is to be held at Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, October *1, 1967,* at *2:00* P.M. The District Spring Meeting to be held at the Methodist Church, Winnfield, March *31, 1968,* at *2:00* P.M. A committee was appointed to secure a location and a speaker and set a date for our Day Apart.

Promotion work is also being done in an effort to organize more Guilds in the District.

We are proud to report the District met and substantially exceeded both its pledge to Missions and Cash Supply Askings for the year ending May *31, 1967.*

LAKE CHARLES Mrs. Rosa McCullough – District Secretary

The Jennings WSG unit was hostess for our Spring meeting. Marguerite Snell, District Secretary, presided and officially resigned due to business keeping her and her husband out of town so much. Her resignation is a loss to the district; however, we have not lost her membership in the local unit.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, WSCS member of the Conference Guild Committee installed the following officers: Mrs. Rosa McCullough District Secretary; Mrs. Clyde Gehron, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Eva Bryan, Chairman Spiritual Life Cultivation; Mrs. Violet Gregory, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service; Miss Evelyn Chaney, Chairman Committee on Nominations; and Mrs. Donald Taylor, WSCS member-at-large. Other officers, continuing for another year, were included in the service which was impressive and meaningful.

I am looking forward to a productive year with the help of everyone in the district. Am sure that I shall have all the cooperation needed; the response I have received from correspondence sent out assures me of this.

NEW ORLEANS Margaret Field, District Secretary

Since I am very new, both in this part of the country and as a district secretary, I have used this first month in office as a "get acquainted" period.

The first executive committee meeting was held on July *9* at First Church, and was devoted to a consideration of plans for the coming year. All the officers of the Woman's Society and the Guild have pledged their support and the year has started out in good fashion.

The first activity after Guild Weekend is our spiritual life retreat, to be held at Biloxi, October *28-29*. Definite plans and leadership responsibilities will be announced later. As part of our observance of Guild Month, we shall have a program and tea at First Church late in January.

My most important project for the year is visiting the various Guild units. I have already visited one group and have special invitations for the next two months. These visits will not only give me a better understanding of the strengths and needs of all the groups but will also give me an opportunity to interpret Guild work to all the members of the district.

RUSTON -Mrs. R. M. Steere–District Secretary

Spring Meeting of the Ruston District was held in the Jonesboro Church on April *16*. In spite of the busy time of year, *34* members and two visitors were present.

The meditation was given by Mrs. Joan Lancaster, of Jonesboro Guild, and minutes read. Mrs. J. T. Spencer, District Treasurer, made her report, and Bennett Steere gave a summary of the year, based largely on the written reports sent to her by each Guild President. These showed that members of each Guild had been busy as Guilders and as members of their Church. They are actively serving in all areas of the Church.

Several Guilds had given or earned extra money to use for Mission giving, both through the Guild and through other channels, as well as for Baby and Life Memberships. At least one Guild (Homer) had cooperated with the Woman's Society in searching the Church Roll for the names of eligible women who are not members of either organization. They then set up a plan for visiting these women and invited them to join one or the other group.

Most of the Guilds have done a fine job of reporting this year, but one of two have not had their reports in time for them to be counted in the District Secretary's report.

The Fall Coaching Conference will be held on October *15*, at the Springhill Church at *2:00* P.M.

Highlight of the meeting was the guest speaker,Mrs. G. W. Dameron. Mrs. Dameron spoke dynamically and straightforwardly on Mission and Missions. "You are either a missionary or a mission field," she quoted.

Following the meeting, the members of the Jonesboro Guild were hostesses for a lovely social hour.

SHREVEPORT -Miss Elizabeth Lowery–District Secretary

Shreveport District Annual Spring Meeting at Camp Forbing on May *6* got off to a good start during the District Committee Meeting by the sale of bazaar items furnished by various units totalling some *$89.00*. This sum plus an offering for retiring officers, and *$50.00* from the district cultivation fund reduced our pledge deficit by *$187.96*.

The program opened at *11:00* a.m. under the leadership of Mrs. Elsie Ellis, Spiritual Life Chairman, and Mrs. Violet Dickens, Program Materials.

Introduced at the afternoon session was Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, Shreveport District President of WSCS. Joining the group later in the evening were other WSCS guests.

Chairmen participating the afternoon session were Mildred Kee, Missionary Education, and Mary Givens, Christian Social Relations. A highlight was the presentation by Miss Sybil Kelly of a Youth Membership to Miss Pam Jones, daughter of Mrs. Estelle Jones of Coushatta. Pam has attended our annual meetings for years. She has served as a page, a soloist, and an inspiration at all times. The impressive installation service was conducted by Miss Alma Levins. Officers elected this year were Mrs. Gerry Finch, recording secretary, Mrs. Mary Baucum, Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Dollie Brown,Supply, Mrs. Mary Givens, Program Materials, Mrs. Velma Hayes, WSCS Member and Mrs. Violet Dickens, Nominations. The after dinner speaker was Mrs. George Pearce, Jr., who brought a challenge in the area of mental health along with a description of this program being carried on in Caddo Parish.

The District has been invited to the annual banquet this year by Noel Church on October *27*. Next spring, the district will be fortunate to be the setting of a Mission Seminar which will be held the weekend of April *20-21* at Business Girls' Inn, a recipient of our national supply askings for *1967-68*.

MONROE -Mrs. Austin Miller –District Secretary

Summer has been a quiet time in the Monroe District. Plans have been perfected for the Fall District Conference at Camp Chemin-a-haut, on September *30* and October *1*. Echoes from the Guild Conference Weekend will be the basis for the program.

World Understanding Workshop

Can you think of anything in this day that is more important than the need for better understanding among the peoples of the world. A number of communities in Louisiana Conference will have Workshops on World Understanding – with Focus on Africa this fall or early next spring. An article in the July–August issue of METHODIST WOMAN gives excellent foundation on the purpose and scope of these workshops as well as some helps in planning them. However, a number of things still need clarification.

Here in Louisiana a "hub city" workshop was held in Baton Rouge, April 4 & 5, 1967. Members of the planning committee were drawn from a 4 state, 13 conference area. Seventy five percent of the participants in the workshop were from the Baton Rouge area. The rest were representatives from the 4 state area who came for training that they might give leadership in "spin off" workshops in their own areas this fall or next spring. Workshops for Shreveport, Lake Charles, and New Orleans are in the planning stages now. For other communities who may be interested, the following guidelines are given:

1. The workshops are local. That is – participants come from the local area. Planning is done by a committee from the local area. Several Louisiana women who participated in the training session for spin-off leadership are ready and willing to give suggestions and special help to committees, but the initiative for the workshop lies with the local group.

2. The "workshop" format is important. In a workshop women sit down together, formulate goals and then work toward those goals through meaningful group process. Participants are each involved in problem solving and this, in itself, is of particular value. Be sure to allow enough time. It takes at least a full day for an adequate workshop experience.

3. Expenses are usually met by a registration fee. A local workshop is not an expensive type of meeting. Travel costs are low and may be carried by participants; there is no cost for housing; the workshop format precludes the need for a full slate of speakers and leaders from outside the area. Resource persons near at hand may well be used, but available materials (see below) and careful planning for maximum involvement of all participants can make a workshop of great value even though special resource persons are not in the near area. A registration fee set $1.00 to $1.50 above the cost of meals will often be adequate to meet all expenses. The local committee must be the judge of this.

4. Excellent materials are available. See the July–August issue of METHODIST WOMAN for where and how to order the filmstrip, record and packets of free materials for participants. There are in Louisiana Conference about 6 or 8 packets of materials from the hub-city workshop which include the mimiographed copy of the Resource Book on the Kitwe Workshop. This will eventually be available in published form, but you may want to borrow it ahead of that time.

5. An important resource not listed in METHODIST WOMAN is THE DILEMAS OF AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE by L. Gray Cowan, published in 1964 by Walker Paperbacks, in New York. The price is $2.25. One half of the book is packed with maps, charts, graphs and facts that can bring your workshop to life if someone will lift the material for flip charts, for map overlays, for contrast points posters – all sorts of aids to map and fact study.

6. Set the climate for a meaningful workshop.

   a. Plan details carefully.

   b. Have an inclusive fellowship on the planning committee. Where possible include representatives from the Woman's Society, the Wesleyan Service Guild, and both the Central and South Central Jurisdiction at planning sessions. There is within the material much that brings a rich ministry of reconciliation when we sit down and plan together how best to present it.

   c. Prepare a "Focus on Worship." Material on Colossians is avilable in the Kitwe Resource Book if you wish to use it. You may wish to set up a definite prayer chain among representatives from each group involved in your planning – that your workshop may become a true channel for the understanding so needed in our world.

Good luck! If you need further help write to Mrs. John Howe, 1210 East Main Street, Houma, La.–70360 or to Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, P.O. Box 445, Mooringsport, Louisiana – 71060

SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS
1967–1968 LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WORLD DIVISION	
India	$5125
Gujarat Conference	$ 1000
World Division Total	$6125
NATIONAL DIVISION	
Community Center	
Ozona Community Center, Ozona, Texas	$1659
Educational Work	
Navaho Methodist Mission, Farmington, N. M.	$4620
Wesley Foundation, Ruston	$ 317
Wesley Foundation, Lafayette	$ 350
Wesley Foundation, Natchitoches	$ 619
Social Welfare	
MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma	$3720.80
National Division Total	$11285.80

Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild
Supply Work 1967–1968

NATIONAL DIVISION	
Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport	$ 1200
Kingdom House, St. Louis, Missouri	$ 300
WORLD DIVISION	
Mozambique	$ 512
MAGAZINE AND PICTURE FUND	$ 186

$2.00 a year per Unit.

Business Girls' Inn has a complete set of color slides just made telling the "Inn" story. They are available for your use.

THE 1967 TOUR WITH A MISSION

Did you know that our annual Louisiana Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Tour is still a TOUR WITH A MISSION? Indeed it is! The 1967 tour, just completed in June, proved to be one of the most exciting experiences we have ever had.

In our letter of general information to those youth who were accepted, we said: "Meet us at Istrouma Methodist Camp, Greenwell Springs Road, Greenwell Springs, Louisiana, at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, June 4, 1967. We will have supper at 6:00 p.m. Following supper we will get ready for the count-down by discussing our tour and making plans which will guide us in Christian group living during these days together." Well, they came – thirty-seven of them from thirty-seven different churches, filled with excitement and great anticipation.

We left the camp early the morning of June 5, and headed for Jackson, Mississippi where we toured Millsaps College and visited the Methodist Children's Home; then on to Mathiston, Mississippi, where we spent the night at Wood's Junior College. Next day we traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, where we visited The Wesley House, Scarritt College, TRAFCO, Methodist Publishing House, Board of Evangelism and the Upper Room Chapel. On June 8, we arrived in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, toured the Atomic Energy Plant, and stayed overnight in Knoxville, Tennessee. We started experiencing "Christian community living" at this point and our tour stops from here on were much more meaningful; through Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, Brooks-Howell retirement Home for retired missionaries and deaconesses, and Allen High School in Asheville, North Carolina. We saw first-hand, historical places that have played such an important part in the life of Methodism in our nation at Trinity Methodist Church in Savannah, Georgia, First Methodist Church in St. Simon's Island, Georgia, and First Methodist Church in St. Augustine, Florida. Our first mobile church was in Lake Wales Florida, where we saw, too, the fine work that is being done for migrant workers in that area of citrus groves.

Yes – A redemptive fellowhips became very real to us Many lives were changed. Even mine will never be the same and for this I am thankful.

Please call upon these young people to tell you about the tour.

Mrs. John R. Oldham
Secretary of Missionary Personnel
Woman's Society of Christian Service

Times Has New Woman's Society Business Manager

Mrs. Wideman Watson is the new Woman's Society business manager of the CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. She assumed her duties June 1 with the start of this subscription year. Mattie Lee is the chairman of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society Committee on Nominations. She has served the conference and now serves Ruston District as secretary of missionary education and service. Mrs. Watson served a number of years as the Dean of the Conference School of Missions.

Mrs. W. B. Gardner, who has been business manager of the TIMES gave up this position at the close of the last subscription year. She will be Dean of the School of Christian Mission in 1968 as well being the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations. Thank you, Mary Ellen, for a hard job well done – and welcome to the staff, Mattie Lee!

Why Self-Study?

The term "self-study" is going the rounds again this year for the second time and women are beginning to ask: "Again? We already did that? Why do it again?"

Actually "self-study" never stops. It is a matter of definition. Who is "self?" Are you, as an individual, studying yourself? Are we studying our Society? – or our church? – or community? Do we study the local units of all of these things or their larger counterparts – the world community? – the ecumenical "church?" The definition of "self" changes as we study.

Our first self-study emphasis dealt largely with "me" as a person. "Am I ready for self-study? What are the things that distract and bother me? What lessens my Christian witness?" Some participants did group thinking as Society members, but in general the leaders found the particular need of the women at that time was for a better understanding of themselves and of their role as women.

This year, as plans for self-study were evolved, women expressed a need for a better understanding of what we believe about God. What place does He have in our lives – and how does it affect what we do? It became apparent that "self-study" is a progressive, continuing thing – and ongoing emphasis.

In the Ruston District this fall, self-study will be conducted in zone meetings. Each local secretary of spiritual life cultivation and/or each local president has been asked to put down in writing the answers to a set of questions about her own theological beliefs. Mrs. R.J. McGehhe, secretary of spiritual life cultivation for the Ruston District, explains that each of these ladies will in turn ask members of her local society to see if they can write down what they actually believe. This preparation will be completed ahead of the "self-study-zone meeting." THE FEMININE CRISIS IN CHRISTIAN FAITH by Elizabeth Achtemeier, will be used as a resource.

In Lafayette District four officers from each local society (president, vice president, and secretaries of spiritual life cultivation and membership cultivation) will meet with the executive committee of the district for a time of self-study. These four officers will then become a planning team with responsibility for conducting self-study in their own local society. Mrs. P.D. Lambert, secretary of spiritual life cultivation in the Lafayette District, is in charge.

Both of these district plans reach to the very heart of the Woman's Society of Christian Service – to the individual woman in the local society. Renewal in the Woman's Society, or in the church, or even in the larger community, may very well start with her. It is important that she be given this opportunity to discover the relationship between her faith and her action. This is the "why" for self-study.

Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.
Secretary Spiritual Life Cultivation
Woman's Society of Christian Service

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MID YEAR MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE GUILD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Mildred Evans, Secretary, and Miss Maree White, Recording Secretary, Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Conference Guild Committee met at Holiday Inn in Alexandria, October 14 and 15, 1967. All of the district secretaries and other officers had excellent reports indicating that much good work is being done throughout the state.

Highlights of recommendations presented at the meeting were:

(1) To increase mileage allowance for Guild persons on official business from 5¢ to 7¢ per mile.

(2) To cooperate with the Woman's Society in the maintenance of a conference history.

(3) To increase the 1968-69 pledge in an amount equal to this year's Supply Askings.

(4) To send the Conference Secretary as an observer to the General Conference in April, 1968.

(5) To send the Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations to a Christian Social Relations meeting in New York in December.

(6) To petition the Woman's Division to use its powers to update the quarterly conference report of the local Woman's Society and to specifically include the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Miss Marilynn Carter and Miss Hermine Tate were appointed to serve on a committee to evaluate Christian Service Times.

The planned Conference Spiritual Life Retreat has been changed from Hot Wells to Hodges Gardens later in 1968--probably in April. There will be further news about this program at a later date.

Two guests at the mid-year meeting were Mrs. Mary Helen Craig, Louisiana Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, Baton Rouge district secretary, both of the Central Jurisidction. They gave very interesting reports of their Guild work.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Plans for the Seventeenth Annual Spring Meeting to be held at First Church, Shreveport, March 15-17, 1968, were drawn up by the program committee meeting October 14 in Alexandria with Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman, presiding. The theme will be "A Cup of Water" with the theme hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life."

Mrs. Milton Baldridge, Program Chairman for the 1968 Guild Weekend, presided over the committee planning session Sunday morning, October 13. The theme for the meeting will be "What Doth the Lord Require of Me?" Principal speaker for the weekend will be Miss Ethelene Sampley, who is well known and appreciated in the Louisiana Conference.

GUILD HYMN SEEN IN COLOR SLIDES?

The Guild Hymn is a very beautiful and touching hymn. At the recent Guild Mid-Year Committee Meeting it was suggested that the Guild Hymn could be depicted in a very meaningful way through the use of 35 mm color slides.

If you have a slide or slides that to you illustrate some phrase of the Guild Hymn send it along with your name and address to:

Marilynn J. Carter
P.O. Box 942
Opelousas, Louisiana 70570

Please identify each slide and name the phrase that it portrays. Slides not used will be returned. Care will be used in handling transparencies, but we will not be responsible for slides lost or damaged. If your slide is a treasured one, send us a duplicate.

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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Secretary's Pen

Dear Wesleyan Service Guild Members:

With the end of summer vacations and the beginning of autumn with its color and coolness, it is time to really get into our Guild work with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

There are many things I would like to recommend for you to "grow in understanding and spiritual power; increase in knowledge....; and share in the witness, service, and outreach of the church."

The study courses can create a wider vision. The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, World Understanding Workshops, the program on "Upgrading-A Person-to-Person Approach" - all are opportunities to grow - to share - to witness - to serve.

Our Program book for this year, "Search for Identity", is full of resource material for many interesting and challenging meetings.

The Weekend Mission Seminar at Business Girl's Inn in Shreveport, Louisiana, April 19-21, 1968, is another opportunity for study and growth and facing a responsibility that is ours.

Remembering, always, that the purpose of our organization is "to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world", may I suggest that you uplift the spiritual life of your group in meaningful worship, study, and prayer.

Sincerely,
Mildred Evans

Christian Social Relations

Wesleyan Service Guild
Elizabeth Langford, Conference Chairman

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO....PLEASE read the October METHODIST WOMAN--Wesleyan Service Guild pages 41-42 on UPGRADING--UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Be ready to answer your November Report Blank with positive answers. Each issue of the METHODIST WOMAN has given you directives from which guilds can choose projects related to your particular areas. SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL ACTION would make an excellent dialogue program for discussion groups and talk-back sessions. In order to relate your program give particular attention to your National Supply Askings-BUSINESS GIRLS' INN in Shreveport. We will be privileged to visit this Inn during the Spring Meeting in Shreveport.

The studies for 1967-68 involve Guild members. Your Christian Social Relations Chairman should be on the planning committee.

Be sure that every Guild member is a registered voter and will take advantage of voting in the coming elections You might supply transportation to the polls for members who need it.

Save your Red Scissors Coupons for St. Marks Community Center. The S & H Green Stamps will help the Methodist Children's Home at Ruston buy a station wagon.

Members of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee discuss Guild business at the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting in Alexandria, October 14-15

Missionary Education and Service

Wesleyan Service Guild
Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Conference Chairman

May I remind you to make plans early to attend the "Weekend Mission Seminar" of your choice. A weekend of information and inspiration awaits you. Attendance is limited, so please send your application to The Wesleyan Service Guild, Room 1414, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

The film, "The Church Alive in Japan," has been placed in the film library by the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. This is an excellent film for use with the study "Japan". To secure this film, address your request to The Conference Audio-Visual Library, P.O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104. Mrs. L.O. Wheeler is the librarian. Why not ask for a list of Audio Visuals for your use in planning the study of your choice or for a program?

REQUEST FOR NEW CEREMONIES

Do you have a ceremony for installation of officers or a ritual for presenting life memberships that you would like to share with your Guild friends?

If you do have one of these programs that you have found effective and uplifting please send it to Marilynn J. Carter, P.O. Box 942, Opelousas, La. 70570 before the first of the year.

Depending on the response, I will attempt to compile these ceremonies and make them available for your use.

When submitting your copy please indicate if it is your original ceremony or indicate the source from which it came.

"Human Rights In World Perspective"

On August 1, 1967, the Methodist Seminar on Human Rights in World Perspective, started. We met on the Campus of St. Paul's School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri. The meeting was a 10 day meeting and during that time we were privileged to hear some outstanding persons. It will be their thoughts that I would like to bring to your attention some of the Recommendations that came from the Seminar. If the Recommendations are adopted by the Woman's Division you will be hearing more about this Seminar and about Human Rights. Also, you will be involved in action from this Seminar.

With this in mind maybe I had better start my report by stating the purpose of this National Seminar: To increase understanding and quicken concern for Human Rights in World Perspective by:

(1) Searching for solid Biblical and Theological basis for Christian's commitment to the realization of human rights for all people;

(2) Listening to the world wide voices of need and aspiration that help us to more adequately interpret and fulfill the human rights struggle of our time;

(3) Identifying and gaining greater insights into particular priority human rights issues and goals;

(4) Discovering specific directions in which Methodist Women should move toward the realization of these goals.

In 1968 we will be celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

In 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted without a dissenting vote, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For the first time in history the world had a definition of what is meant when "human rights" are discussed.

The important thing was that this definition had been agreed upon and represented many nations. The struggle, of which the struggle for human rights is a part, is as old as humanity itself.

The Universal Declaration was different because it represented the thinking and implied the acceptance of many countries.

What has been the effect of the existence of this definition during the 20 years? Was the struggle to arrive at the definition worth all the work it took?

In 1941 when President Roosevelt enunciated the Doctrine of the Four Freedoms: Freedome of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear everywhere in the world, he met a world need. People were ready to agree that these were the things for which the world must strive.

Later that year Churchill and Roosevelt proclaimed the Atlantic Charter, it set forth the same objectives for the post-war world.

This was the basic of what was to become the human rights agencies of the United Nations. However, this was not spelled out as well as it might have been in the first draft of the U.N. Charter. At this point, the cause of international protection of human rights benefitted immensely from the uneasy memory of many people in the United Nations in regard to the United States failure to join the League of Nations. The president of the United States had been one of the most enthusiastic and hardest working of its architects, but in spite of this fact the Senate of the United States declined to ratify it.

It is clear that since its adoption the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been a new force in the world. It has pricked the consciences of countries that had prided themselves on their leadership of human rights and it has opened new vistas of human dignity of nations so newly come to freedom that they did not have the opportunity of voting for the Declaration in 1948.

Both the more developed and developing nations have shown their faith in cooperation and the promotion of human rights on the international level in accord with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document which does not bind them to act in accord with it.

Since the universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted a number of new national constitutions have included all or portions of the Declaration of Human Rights. National laws or decrees issued in recent years often cite the Universal Declaration of Human Rights or individual articles from it.

Every aspect of the United Nations has some part to play in the development of equal rights for all. The activities of the Organizations reflect world concern for the problems and potential which lie with enhancement of the dignity and worth of the human person.

The specialized agencies of the Organizations play an important role in leading men, women and children to help themselves. This is an important aspect of human rights work and should not be overlooked.

Each of these agencies also carried out a great deal of the work which is necessary to make the rights defined in the Charter into living realities for people in disadvantaged areas of the world.

The original resolution setting 1968 aside as International Human Rights year called for each country to make an appraisal of human rights progress in their countries and plan to improve the situation where it needs to be. Reports on such progress are to be presented to the United Nations during 1968.

Perhaps some of the many human rights events of 1968 and the months that proceed it can heighten our awareness of a willingness to work for them among people all over the world.

A handbook is being published by the non governmental organizations with the cooperation of the U.S. Commission on UNESCO. The last section is devoted to Community Action and contains many specific questions which groups need to begin asking themselves in preparation for 1968. For members of the Methodist and EUB Churches there will also be many questions about the elimination of all forms and practices of segregation in the new church.

Two important goals for the year have been added. One is the publicizing and ratification of Covenants. This is a very important step, particularly in the United States where we have not taken our first step by ratifying any of the Covenants at present.

The second is the publicizing of the existence and meaning of "Apartheid" in our world today.

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ARE YOU IN TOUCH ----

"There is a letter for you!"

"Mail Call" is always an exciting time. There is an air of expectancy. When a letter comes, how quickly we glance at the handwriting, the postmark, the return, even at the stamp--all clues to what may be inside. A letter is a part of the person who sent it--a gift to the one who receives.

Do you have your list of missionary workers where you see it often and will remember to send cards, greetings on special days, warm notes and letters that tell one of our workers that you care.

Later this fall each society will receive, through the local secretary of missionary education and service, a revised list and a birthday calendar of world and national division workers who are especially related to the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. This list is is kept up to date and provided for you by Mrs. Garland Dean, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service for the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society. Names of those your district secretary has assigned to your society will be marked in some way. These will be the workers who are in your special care. What can you do to let them know what they mean to you?

Some years ago the Board of Missions began the service of mimeographing and mailing letters which missionaries write periodically to their friends and support. ers in the United States. The purpose of the Missionary Letter Service is to relieve the missionary so far as possible from the expense of mailing letters and the time-consuming task of duplicating and addressing them.

When you receive the revised list of workers this fall, please ask to be on the mailing list of the missionary assigned you.

NOTE: The missionary letters are mailed only to individuals and only where a zipcode has been given. So send your name, correct mailing address, with zipcode to: Mrs. Virginia S. Henry, Room 1305
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10027

Request to be put on the mailing list of a particular missionary. PLEASE DO NOT ASK TO BE ON THE MAILING LIST OF MORE THAN FIVE MISSIONARIES.

All through the year Mrs. Dean receives notes and letters from these workers who are related to the Louisiana Conference asking her to express their thanks to you for your letters, birthday and Christmas cards.

When we asked Mrs. Dean if she had something special for CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES, she very quickly expressed her wish to share with you the rich love which overflows these letters. So sit down and get comfortable. It is mail time--and there is a letter for you.

MRS. NELLIE PORTER O'BIERNE--retired:

Thank the women again for remembering me. I am now permanently at the Methodist Home for Deaconesses and Missionaries at 275 Robincroft Drive, Pasadena, California. It is a credit to the Methodists, a lovely place to live when one is 88 years old. Thank them for me. It is like the 23rd Psalm to us.

MARGARET WADE CAMPBELL IN MEXICO CITY, MEXICO:

The Methodist Church of Mexico (autonomous since 1930), at its Tenth General Conference one year ago. set into motion a sweeping reform of its internal structure--especially in the area of church sponsored institutions. After three quarters of a century, many institutions founded by pioneer missionaries are well-established and respected landmarks in the cities where they are located. Their identification as Methodist sponsored institutions, however, is not always clear and certainly not always easy to define within the intricacies of Mexican law.

The General Conference in 1966 created a Board of Institutions, with elected members from each of the two annual conferences to coordinate, promote and protect the church's institutions. One of the means by which this is done to recruit and organize local groups of Methodist laymen and laywomen (other denominations are also represented) into Boards of Directors for the for the institutions in that community. Ten such groups have been organized in the cities where our twenty-two institutions are located. The National Board of Institutional Work meets twice a year to hear reports, make decisions of the Board and to keep its work going, prepare for meetings, etc. Yours truly was elected to be the first Executive Secretary.

Such a drastic change in work was a shock for me every step of the way during this year of new responsibilities, new procedures, a new place to live and a pattern of life completely unfamiliar to one accustomed to being a member of a staff working together in a social center and in the local church with more or less well-defined responsibilities.

I am grateful to all of you for your faithfulness in so many ways, but above all for your prayers. Prayer is an important factor in one's everyday life but even more so when the realization comes that there is so much to learn and so little time in which to do so. Life is full of new opportunities and, here in Mexico, everything that can be transformed is undergoing the process of renewal. Christianity is at a crossroad in its history in Mexico. Only if the Church can answer the demands of renewal from within the country, will it be possible for it to remain and witness effectively to the new era.

REVEREND BRENT DOAN, ELOY COMMUNITY CENTER, ELOY, ARIZONA

Just a note to say thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me birthday greetings. It is good to know we are thought about way out here! Thanks again!

MR. AND MRS. P.D. BENNER IN TOKYO, JAPAN:

Thank you so much for the birthday note--as well as for all the other remembrances throughout the years!--

Next week we're going to spend 2 days in Nagoya at The Fellowship of Christian Missionaries annual meeting--a gathering of interested missionaires from all denominations--Baptist, Lutheran and Episopalians, as well as those within the United Church of Christ in Japan framework.

WITH THE WORLD ?

MISS WILHELMINA HOOPER, DULAC--after Miss Ella's death.

Thank you and the women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference, for the lovely cards of appreciation. The rest of us must carry on.

ELMA J. ASHBY IN RHODESIA, AFRICA (paraphrased)

The months since my last letter have been full and challenging. First the midwifery class of fourteen girls all passed their final examination in spite of the three or four changes in teachers during the year. Our class of 16 girls, taking the final examinations for general nursing, all passed and one made the highest grade in the whole examination. The new class of students have all had two years of high school and we notice quite a difference in their ability to comprehend in both theory and practice. We have cut actual class hours by half and then added material which was beyond the grasp of those from the eighth grade level. It is both challenging and gratifying to be able to upgrade our course.

My furlough is due the end of December. I am planning a trip to the Far East, India, Japan, and Hawaii, and home via San Francisco. Plans are not yet final, but I will be arriving in San Francisco about the tenth of April.

BRENDA MOORMAN--U.S.-2-serving at Bidwell-Riverside Center in Des Moines, Iowa

We begin our new program at the center on Monday. This calls for great planning and added energy. This past Monday night I was asked to speak to the Executive Conference of the South Iowa Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It was nice to meet many of the ladies. I have been able to meet many others by being able to speak to local Woman's Society of Christian Service meetings.

HELEN MANDLEBAUM, WESLEY HOUSE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Surely is nice of the Louisiana Conference to remember birthdays! Thank you so much for being their spokesman and sending the attractive card.

BETTY VICKERS-INTER MOUNTAIN DEACONESS HOME FOR CHILDREN, HELENA, MONTANA

It is wonderful to be a participant in The Methodist Church where so many mission services are provided. Unfortunately, we as Methodists are prone to underestimate the value of our mission projects.

MR. AND MRS. BEN F. YOUNGBLOOD, HAWAII

The church to which I belong (Mrs. Youngblood is writing) is only one year old. We do not have a building. We have just had a fund drive and soon hope to have our land, which has been promised, and an educational unit.

Our Woman's Society of Christian has fifteen members. Very few of us have ever been in a Woman's Society of Christian Service so we have lots of learning to do.

Would your churches like to have information about Hawaii and its churches and concerns?

Best wishes to your Woman's Society of Christian Service. God Bless your work.

MR. AND MRS. CARLOS WELCH IN INDIA

Our house has had some major changes and repair work done. I think we are going to be quite comfortable now and enjoy our home.

The college too has had some wonderful changes under the fine leadership of our new principal. We are looking forward to working with him this term. Both Carlos and I have some new responsibilities and so we will be kept busy.

FROM CARL AND JULIA WILLIAMS IN BOLIVIA:

We are at last settled in Caranavi and have become accustomed once again to the heat and bugs we have missed for the past five years on the Antiplano.

Carl is coordinator of a workteam of young people consisting of six North Americans and six Bolivians--12 new disciples of Christ who are following Him into the new colonies here in the Alto-Beni of Bolivia. They are engaged in teaching, nursing, raising crops, experiments with pigs, rabbits and chickens and are living with the pioneers of this country witnessing in many ways what 1967 demands of followers of Christ.

To the many friends who sent financial help, we send a special thanks. We were able to leave the schools "in the black" with some left over to help them start the new year. We also want to thank everyone for the many cards and letters and expressions of your love and concern for us at Christmas. We did not feel nearly so far away with all the news from home.

DORETHA BROWN, IN Monrovia, often writes her missionary letters in blank verse. We thought you would enjoy seeing one in its entirity:

Dearly Beloved,
As I watch the sun through the branches of the palm trees
Night is approaching.
I think of you--you who have been so thoughtful with cards and letters.
Thank you.

This epistle is to inform you--
Where I am, and my assignment.
Arrival last August, temporarily assigned to Girls' Hostel, Monrovia.
Inheritance of thirty-eight girls became mine--elementary through High School.

Five months aboard the Hostel Ship..rough, but challengin
At times...thought it would sink.
Fascinating creatures, yes, crawling creatures..keepers of the doors,
Oh! if they could speak.
They would utter softly, softly, "the One God is thy keeper."

The fair ladies are home for vacation.
I do miss them, individually and collectively.
Wait I now for their return.

May your blessings be countless in 1967.

— The President's Corner —

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

By now, many of you have received the ANNUAL REPORT of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. This report is lovingly dedicated to the LOCAL WOMAN." It is she who prays, who gives, who serves. She stretches out her hand and heart in ministry and praise; Lo! a channel is formed for healing power in a changing world." This is a very important and valuable book. Certainly each local and district officer should have a copy and it would be of much interest to each person who is a member of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

At a recent meeting, I heard the phrase-"the glare in your eyes." At the Mid-year Conference executive committee meeting held in New Iberia, with the First Methodist Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild acting as our gracious hostesses, we tried to shade our eyes so that there would be little or no glare as we discussed and made plans which will be projected for our work. We will need clear vision and a well marked path. There will be changes which it is hoped will make the program of the Woman's Society more effective.

One of the emphasis for this year, and for several years to come, will be on the woman's place in the structure of the Church. Approach your minister to see if a woman might be sent from the church of which you are a member as a delegate to Annual Conference. Certainly the women need representation at this meeting.

It is report time again. These reports are carefully studied. It is from them that one gets a "whole" picture of the work carried on across the conference. It is here that we see the "Local Woman" at work. Without her, there would be no Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

MARY, MARY! HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Mary is the newly elected secretary of membership cultivation for her local Woman's Society of Christian Service. She has tools, concern, and a garden to be cultivated, but she has some important questions, too.

"What are your questions, Mary?"

1. What pretty maids need to grow in my garden?

As secretary of membership cultivation, you have responsibility to three groups of women:

(1) Members of your society. (Do take care of the members you have. Make them know how they are appreciated.

(2) Members of the church who are not members of the society or guild.

(3) Women outside of the church.

2. Do I work alone?

No, indeed. You are chairman of the committee on membership and they will help you test the soil, channel the water, plan all those things that let a garden grow. And after the plan will come the workers. Gardening is a joy when the plan is well laid. Everyone in your society should want to help.

3. Can you suggest some ways for me to begin?

Yes--three of them! Think of your area of service as the public relations department. There is a wonderful purpose for your garden, Mary. You can tell folks about it. You can inform yourself on the work of the Woman's Division and on materials available and so be an enthusiastic and valuable member of the committee on program.

Then you can learn ways to work effectively with people. Have you noticed that a whole bed of flowers multiplies the effect of a single flower over and over and over. Part of your work is to help women find that deep sense of accomplishment that comes from uniting their efforts with others in helping to make the world a better place in which to live.

But don't forget the individual flower, Mary. Help every woman see that each area of Christian service is important. A poem from the "Prayers" of Michel Quoist expresses it in:

THE BRICK

The bricklayer laid a brick on the bed of cement.
Then, with a precise stroke of his trowel, spread another layer.
And, without a by-your-leave, laid on another brick.
The foundation grew visibly,
The building rose, tall and strong, to shelter men.
I thought, Lord, of that poor brick buried in the darkness at the base of the building,
No one sees it, but it accomplishes its task,
And the bricks need it.
Lord, what difference whether I am on the rooftop or in the foundation of your building
As long as I stand faithfully in the right place.

Every woman is needed. Her talents are needed; her prayers are needed; even her presence alone can be a means of encouragement for the others in the group.

Good Luck, Mary. We will be interested in how your garden grows.

Mrs. Max Clayton

PLEASE GIVE US HELP WITH PROGRAMS!

We asked Mrs. J.B. Mouton, vice president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, what she felt was the information most often requested through her office by members of local societies.

"Definitely," she said, "the request for more help with programs."

Mrs. Mouton pointed out that a great deal has been printed in the past few years about techniques of presenting interesting programs. The pages of METHODIST WOMEN are filled with good suggestions. Almost every source of materials for study or for program use suggests methods and techniques for presentation that are interesting and can be easily adapted to a local society or circle meeting.

SEARCH FOR IDENTITY, the current program-resource book, has twenty-four suggested programs in six areas of special interest. These materials have been written in direct response to requests from local women across the country. Each one has a carefully stated purpose, suggestions for presentation, a wealth of additional resources for those who wish to pursue one topic further, and good suggestions for action that might grow out of the program.

"Is there anything NEW that needs to be said about programs?" we asked Mrs. Mouton next.

"There may be nothing new to be said," she answered, "but there are things that, if they were conscientiously done could bring new life into programs."

Mrs. Mouton had two basic suggestions for those of you who will be leading a program this year--whether for a general meeting or for a circle:

1. Start preparation early--well ahead of the meeting. There are many suggestions for interesting presentation that cannot be tried if preparation is put off until the last minute. The leader who delays "getting at" her preparation is short changing herself and her society.

2. Plan with the individual women in mind. It is difficult to prepare an interesting program for "people'in general." First read through the program materials; consider the purpose; look to see what aids for presentation are available. Then sit down with the list of members for your society. Read through it Make jotted notes and then re-read the program with an eye to personalizing it for the individual interests of your ladies. About two years ago one program dealt with the services a society could give to young mothers.. Societies used it as a means of reaching young women who had not felt a part of the society up to that time.

As you consider the individual approach, look outside your society, too. The lady who has never had time for Woman's Society but is an active and concerned member of P.T.A. may be very interested in your publicized program on School Dropouts, but she will hesitate to come when she does not really plan to become a member. Recall her interests as you plan the program and call her to see if she might not like to come to the meeting. The group will benefit through her presence and knowledge of the topic, and the society has a ministry to her whether or not she chooses to be an active member.

"Programs" are just one part of the total PROGRAM of a society, but they are an important part. Remember to start preparation early and to beam your program to the individual women.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN WORLD PERSPECTIVE (Cont.)

The future observances of human rights and the results it can achieve are one of the most important items on the world agenda.

Some of the Recommendations coming out of the Seminar calling for action on the part of Methodist women are:

(1) It is recommended that "petitions" be sent to General Conference encouraging a Human Rights emphasis in the Quadrennial Program.

(2) It is recommended: That Methodist women take leadership in organization of year long observances of International year of Human Rights in their Communities. Interfaith and interdenominational groups as well as others should be included in the planning and promotion. One of the objectives should be to help create a new climate of understanding in the Community.

(3) That Methodist women urge the Senate to ratify the three United Nations Covenants presented to it by President Kennedy (Forced Labor, Slavery and Political Rights of Women) and the Genocide Covenant, and to use all possible ways to publicize the importance of this action.

(4) That the Woman's Division continue to find ways of expanding its programs in the area of Human Rights. That the emphasis be brought before the local church by a "Call" from the President of the Woman's Division.

(5) That Human Rights be the focus of spring Jurisdictional & Conference meetings across the nation.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

ALEXANDRIA -Miss Bessie M. Rollo-District Secretary

The Alexandria District of the Wesleyan Service Guild held a Workshop at the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, Louisiana, Sunday, October 1, 1967, at 2:00 P.M. There were 24 in attendance. This was the first time a Workshop at Jena had ever been attempted. The entire group was very enthusiastic and the Guild at Jena followed the meeting with a lovely fellowship hour and the refreshments were most delicious. The setting in their Fellowship Hall was warm and beautiful.

A recent check of the number of Guild members in the Alexandria District disclosed a total of 204-a net gain of 12 since May.

LAFAYETTE -Miss Hermine Tate-District Secretary

Our Spring District meeting held at Asbury was well attended by the eight Guilds. All Guilds have reported subscribing to Christian Service Times, representing 31.2% of the District membership. The 1966-67 Pledge to Missions was met.

The District Guild committee has worked very closely with the executive committee of the Woman's Society; however, to date no new Guilds have been organized. The District has gained 12 new members, but we lost 12, one by death, some moved away and some by transfer to the Woman's Society.

The district secretary has attended Jurisdiction Guild Weekend; Conference School of Christian Mission; Conference Guild Weekend; and the district Woman's Society Executive Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Harris Patton, Asbury Guild, Lafayette, is our new chairman of Missionary Education, and was put to work immediately. Both Mrs. Patton and the district Guild Secretary helped in the Church wide district fall study conference held in Lafayette in September.

Our fall coaching conference was held Oct. 8th with the New Iberia Guild as hostess. The program was presented in the form of a Dialogue with district chairmen and officers participating.

LAKE CHARLES Mrs. Rosa McCullough - District Secretary

Units report that vacations, summer college classes, no meetings in the summer, have cut into time during the last couple of months so that there is little to report.

The Leesville Guild writes that at their August meeting their pastor, Bro. Christie, served communion following their program, and spoke about the meaning of communion.

Susie Jones unit, DeRidder, held an open meeting early in September at which a Baptist minister, Rev. Devere Sanson, showed slides of a recent visit to the Holy Land. This unit also reports that as an outgrowth of a February Study they are sponsoring the organization of "Candy Stripers" in the local hospital, and that from action women in the community of all denominations became interested and a Woman's Auxillary is now in the making.

All units write that the programs for the year have been set up, and several say that Call to Prayer will be observed jointly with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Annual Fall District meeting will be held October 7th in Lake Charles. This is to be a combined coaching conference and Day Apart. Mrs. W.W. (Julia Reid) Paxton will be the featured speaker.

BATON ROUGE —Mrs. Joe L. Rountree, Jr.— District Secretary

The Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guild had its annual Fall meeting at the North Baton Rouge Methodist Church on Sunday, September 17, 1967, at 2:30 P.M. The executive meeting was held at 2:P.M.

The program was a "Missionary Hour" directed under the leadership of Miss Mary Lucille Napier, District Chairman of missionary Education. Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, District W.S.C.S. Secretary of Membership Cultivation, gave a very inspiring devotional talk on the studies and tied all of the studies together and showed each of us why we should want to take these studies during the coming year.

Also on the program was the presentation of the Program Book for the new year made by Mrs. J.W. Wilkes, W.S.C.S. District Vice-President, and Mrs. Bruce Royer, Vice-President of the W.S.C.S. at First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The Program Book was made by Mrs. Robert Reich. This presentation was very helpful and informative to the members present for the members present for the meeting. It helped us have a better understanding of the programs for the year and the different themes which will be covered in the programs this year.

During the business session of this meeting it was decided to change the way in which the district officers will go out of office. A motion was made by the Nominations Committee that we even it up so that four officers will go out one year and two years later three officers will go out of office. This will be effective immediately. It was passed and the two officers involved agreed to stay on an additional two years in order to even up the rotation of officers.

The Baton Rouge District and the New Orleans District will have a seminar on the World Understanding theme at First Methodist Church on Saturday, December 9, 1967. Further information will be mailed out at a later date.

SHREVEPORT —Miss Elizabeth Lowery—District Secretary

When you read this, the plans we are involved in now for the Annual District Guild Banquet will have materialized. Noel Church is our host, under the leadership of Miss Eola Brewster, WSG President. Local units are participating in preparation by preparing invitations, decorations, name tags, and general arrangements. Mrs. H.D. Haberyan has graciously accepted our invitation to speak on our current interest in Japan. Special music will be brought by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hallquist. Offering will be designated for Missions. Responsibilities were assumed at the August 27 District Committee meeting when we were entertained by the Lakeview Guild, with Mrs. Pat Kersey as President.

March and April will be big in the Shreveport District. The Annual Conference Spring Meeting will enjoy the hospitality of First Church, Shreveport, where President Violet Dickens and Patty Lindsey will be hostesses, assisted by all the units of the district. We cordially invite you all to be with us in March.

During the following month, we have two significant events: The National Seminar at Business Girls' Inn will be the focus of attention April 19-21, when we will provide the Friday evening buffet for the visitors and and girls at the Inn and arrange for transportation of the guests while they are in Shreveport. Arline Tyler is coordinator, and Guilder Maxine Watkins is director of the Inn. The following week-end, on April 27, the District Spring Meeting will be held at Camp Forbing to evaluate the year's work and prepare for the coming opportunities of 1968-69.

Summer Grove Church will be the setting of the November 19 District Committee Meeting. Presidents are asked to attend or send substitutes so that all units will be represented. Mrs. Ed Christian, Jr., is president of the unit.

The reports of fewer members in the district as of September 25 was offset in part by the optimism of several units who say they are expecting two or three to join in the near future.

MONROE —Mrs. Austin Miller —District Secretary

Two events of interest marked the summer and early fall activities of the Monroe District. During August the District Executive Committee met to plan the Fall Workshop. Mrs. Don Wineinger, Monroe District President of the W.S.C.S., and Mrs. M.L. DeFreese, Member at Large, met with the group. There was a good representation from the Guilds of the District, who made enthusiastic plans for the activities at Chemin-a-Haut State Park in late September.

The Fall Workshop itself was an outstanding success. Members of eleven Guilds were present with the two members at Large, Mrs. DeFreese and Mrs. Blanche Green. In all forty-nine were registerrd, either for overnight or just for the events of Sunday.

Among the high spots of the program was a sunrise communion service held in the amphitheater by Rev. Abe Conerly of Memorial Church in Bastrop. Also of great interest were the studies, presented by Mrs. DeFreese and Mrs. Ana Valentine of the W.S.C.S. and by Mrs. Fannie Thompson and Mrs. Margaret Kalil of the Guild. Miss Elizabeth Langford conducted a most searching self-study and Mrs. Helen Owen closed the weekend with a study thought provoking meditation based on Colossians. The playlet, "The Convert", was performed by members of the Claiborne Guild, the newest Guild in the Monroe District.

Every Guild assumed special responsibilities. Among these were the beautiful worship settings prepared for the McGuire Guild and the delicious meals catered by the Bastrop Guild. The entire week-end was one of information, wonderful fellowship, and high inspiration.

Miss Ruth Gulley, West Carroll Parish Home Demonstration Agent, is one of three Louisiana home agents who will receive distinguished service awards at the Annual meeting of the national association of Extension Home Economists in Jackson, Miss., October 23rd. Ruth is an active member of the Oak Grove Wesleyan Service Guild, Monroe District, and in spite of her busy schedule is usually in attendance at every district and conference meeting, representing her guild. Louisiana Conference is proud to count Ruth among its professional women of note.

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING, WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
March 15-17, 1968
Theme: "A Cup Of Water"

Friday, March 15, 1968

HOTEL HEADQUARTERS: Capt. Shreve Hotel

5:00 p.m. Registration — Hotel Lobby

8:00 p.m. Conference Guild Committee Meeting — Marlin Room, Capt. Shreve Hotel

Saturday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Conference Guild Committee Breakfast, Business Meeting continued - Colonial Room, Capt. Shreve Hotel

9:00 a.m. Registration — Capt. Shreve Hotel Lobby

10:00 a.m. District Secretaries' Meeting — Junior Hi Department, First Methodist Church

12:00 Noon Registration continued — First Methodist Church Educational Building

AFTERNOON SESSION
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH - JUNIOR HIGH DEPT.
(Second Floor- - Elevator available)

1:00 p.m. Organ Prelude
Theme Hymn, No. 204 "Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life"

Convening of 17th Annual Meeting — Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary
Prayer — Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge
Welcome — Mrs. Violet Dickens

Order of Business:
- Presentation of Program - Miss Elizabeth Langford
- Report of Recording Secretary - Miss Maree White
- Appointment of Committees
- Report of Nominating Committee - Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, Chairman
- Election by Ballot
- Report on New York Conference on Human Rights and Planning Conference on 1967 Christian Social Relations - Miss Elizabeth Langford
- Report on Christian Service Times - Miss Marilynn Carter
- Announcements
- Report from Ballots - (continued election)
- Address: "I Was Thirsty and Ye Gave Me Drink" - Miss Arline Tyler
- Special Music
- Pledge Service - Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher

6:00 p.m. Banquet - Bain Hall, First Methodist Church
Presiding - Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Supply Chairman
Invocation - Mrs. Bee Sandefur
Introductions - Miss Mildred Evans
Recognition of Out-Going Officers
Special Music and Entertainment - Mrs. E. J. Bardsdale
Address: "A Quick Look at a Big World" - Dr. W. E. Trice
Benediction - Mrs. Irene Deas

8:00 p.m. Open House - Business Girls' Inn, 814 Cotton Street

Sunday, March 17

7:00 p.m. Breakfast - Lake Room, Capt. Shreve Hotel
Presiding - Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge, Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairman
Invocation - Mrs. Helen Owen
Introductions
Meditation - Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Director of Business Girls' Inn.
Prayer - Mrs. Jean Gilmore

8:45 a.m. Business Session - Couch Chapel, First Methodist Church
Order of Business
Gathering of Evaluation Sheets (District Secretaries)
Election of Delegates
Report of Conference Secretary, Miss Mildred Evans
Guild Hymn
Installation of Officers - Mrs. C. B. Mc Gowan, President Louisiana Conference Woman's Society.

10:30 a.m. Sacrament - "Let Us Break Bread Together" Dr. D. L. Dykes, Pastor, First Methodist Church
Adjournment

11:00 a.m. Worship Services - Main Sanctuary - Dr. D. L. Dykes

12:00 Noon Buffet in Reception Suite - Hosted by Shreveport District

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Program Chairman for the Spring Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, is Program Chairman of our 17th Annual Spring Meeting. Elizabeth is well known throughout the conference.

She helped to organize the first Wesleyan Service Guild in the Monroe District the year after Unification in 1940 and served as its first president. She has held many different offices in local and district Guild. She organized a unit in her church now known as the Elizabeth Langford Guild.

She served as editor of Guild Times from 1957 until 1966. During those years Guild Times became a significant publication among Guild women throughout the Jurisdiction.

For three years, she was editor of Mountain Minutes, a news sheet published each summer at Mt Sequoyah during the School of Missions and Guild Weekend for the South Central Jurisdiction.

In March 1966, she was elected to serve as Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

In her local church, Elizabeth was on the Board of Christian Education, served seven years as Chairman of Christian Social Concerns, and is presently chairman of the Commission of Missionary Service. She is a member of the Official Board and and assistant teacher of theParker-Wossman Class.

Elizabeth, a graduate of the State Normal at Natchitoches was first a Primany School teacher. She left teaching to becom Epworth League Field Secretary in the Louisiana Conference, serving for five years. She was youth director in First Methodist Church,Monroe for five years, then she entered the business world and was owner and operator of The Letter Service Bureau until her retirement this year.

She recently spent a week in New York, where a Seminar on Human Rights and a Planning Conference for Christian Social Relations officers was held under the sponsorship of the Woman's Division of the General Board.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

SHREVEPORT —Miss Elizabeth Lowery—District Secretary

A WELCOME FOR YOU

Shreveport District is eagerly awaiting your arrival in Shreveport for the Annual Meeting at First Methodist Church, where presidents of the two Guild units Mrs. Videt Dickens and Mrs. Patty Lindsey, will be your hostesses. The spacious facilities of Bain Hall, modern, and beautifully equipped, will be blocked out for our use on Saturday, March 16th.

Registration beginning in the Captain Shreve Lobby at ten a.m. will be moved to the foyer of Bain Hall at First Methodist Church, head of Texas Street,at twelve o'clock, the program convening at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Reports and election of officers will precede Miss Arline Tyler's address, "I Was Thirsty and You Gave Me Drink," which will be followed by the pledge service, all in keeping with the announced theme, " A Cup of Water."

The banquet in Bain Hall at 6:00 a.m. and the open house afterwards at Business Girls' Inn will round out the first day of the meeting.

Sunday morning, breakfast at the Hotel at 7:00 a.m. will precede the business session in Couch Chapel, First Methodist Church, convening at 8:45 a.m. After the closing communion service, all are invited to attend the Worship Service at 11:00. The Shreveport District cordially invites all Guilders to the buffet luncheon in the reception suite of Couch Chapel immediately after Church. If you can indicate on your registration blanks how many can participate in this final fellowship, it will be appreciated.

Other coming events in the district claiming our interest and anticipation are:

Guild Month in January,
election in local units in February,
National Senimar at Business Girls' Inn,
Shreveport, April 19–20,
Annual District Meeting at Camp
Forbing, April 27.

The reports received in October on the new Evaluation forms were good. We were disappointed in not hearing from five of our units, however. Local unit presidents please review your reports to keep in mind items to be included on the Evaluation report in May.

(District News continued on pages 7 & 8)

Put a little "GO" into your Society or Guild
Go ye into all the world." Mark 16:15

GO Invite!
GO Lovingly!
GO Enthusiastically!
GO Prayerfully!

PROGRAM NOTES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE – Mrs. Robert Reich, Program Chairman

"The time has come, the Walrus said, to talk of many things" – and the time has come for us to speak of the many wonderful things which have been planned for the Annual Meeting in March, 1968. As most of you know, the meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, March 13-15, 1968. We hope that you will keep these dates in mind and begin making plans to attend. We also hope that you will remember the meeting in your prayers, both now as plans are being made, and as the meeting convenes and progresses. It is of real help to us to know that so many of you will be praying for our Annual Meeting even if you are unable to attend in person.

Water has always been a profound religious symbol to man. It has represented, as in the poem "The Vission of Sir Launfal," man's compassion in offering a cup of water to any man in need. So this year when we are stressing our obligations and concern for our fellow man here at home and throughout the entire world, it is appropriate that the theme of our meeting is "A Cup of Water."

The main speakers for our conference will be our own Biship Aubrey G. Walton and Dr. Harry Haines, General Secretary of MCOR (Methodist Committe for Overseas Relief). Both of these men are dynamic speakers, and have a challenging message for us. We are fortunate indeed to have our host pastor, Dr. D.L. Dykes, Jr., bring our noon-time meditations. Many of you have requested information about the Evangelical United Brethren church, especially about their women's organization. We are so happy that Mrs. Vernon Taylor, President of the Missouri Conference (of which Louisiand is a member) will be with us and speak on Thursday morning.

There is a special treat in store for us on Thursday afternoon when we will be privileged to see a production of the Jongleurs of Centenary College at the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse. The play "Waiting for Godot" will be directed by Orlin R. Corey who has won international recognition for his productions especially those of a religious nature. This play, although not written as a so-called religious drama, has a definite message for us today. It has been called a 20th century morality play, and Kay Baxter in writing of it in her book Contemporary Theater and the Christian Faith says that it is a passion play "in which the whole perfectly orthodox scheme of redemption is played out before our eyes." At the end of the production a listening panel will bring us their reactions to the drama. This panel, composed of Mr. Corey, Rev. John Winn, Mrs. Leslie McKenzie, and Mrs. Paul Hildreth, will be moderated by Mrs. George Pearce, Jr.

It is not often that we have an opportunity to visit our national mission projects. We will be privileged at this Annual Meeting to tour Business Girls Inn. They have graciously invited the group for a tea on the opening day. Another of our home projects, Dulac Community Center, will be highlighted at the dinner Wednesday evening. Rev. Jerry Moon and his staff will tell us something of the great work they are doing in South Louisiana.

As usual the special music will be outstanding. On Wednesday evening, the very popular Centenary Choir, under the direction of Dr. A. C. Voran, will present several numbers. The following evening, the Choir of the First Methodist Church will bring our special music.

The Program Committee thought it would be meaningful for the delegates and visitors to take some time during the period from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first day of the meeting to slip into the very beautiful Couch Chapel for meditation, prayer, and communion. This would be a wonderful time to give thanks for a safe journey to the meeting, and for prayer and meditation for the program to be presented and its message to those attending. We hope that you will remember to do this before the meeting convenes on Wednesday afternoon.

This is election year! In our business sessions we will be electing a new group of officers and secretaries of lines of work, as well as delagates and alternates to the South Central Jurisdiction.

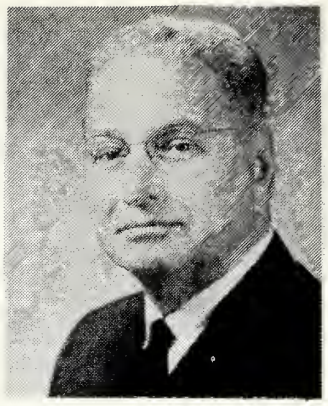
Other highlights of our meeting –are:
our President's address which always inspires us so; a pictorial account of the work being done in the eight districts by you, the individual member; and a most meaningful pledge service. At lunch on Thursday you will have an opportunity to meet with your Conference officer and other women who hold the same office you do. This can add up to a great meeting, but only YOU can make it great by your support in attendance and prayer.

Mrs. Robert Reich
Program Chairman

Orlin R. and Irene Lockridge Corey

Orlin R. Corey and Irene Lockbridge Corey collaborate on theatrical productions. Their unique achievements have given them international recognition as one of the most notable man-and-wife teams in the American theater today. Both have Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Baylor and have studied in London. In addition Mr. Corey has studied at the University of Kentucky and Mrs. Corey has studied in Paris. The Coreys have won many honors and have wtitten outstanding articles on their subject. Mr. Corey is presently Chairman of the Speech and Drama Departmentat Centenary College and Mrs. Corey is Designer for the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse.

The career of the Coreys has been characterized by a keen interest in religious theater, and they will leave right after Christmas for New York to supervise the production of an original sermon-cantata, "Romans by St. Paul" which they have created. This will be produced for the C.B.S. television network. The production will be filmed before the Altar of St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 53rd and Fifth Avenue on December 29th, and will be released on the series "Lamp Unto My Feet."



Bishop Aubrey G. Walton

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton was consecrated to the office of Bishop of the Methodist Church in 1960 and was assigned to the Louisiana Area with residence in New Orleans. Before his election he served pastorates in Arkansas, concluding with a ministry of 16 years at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Bishop Walton represents the council of Bishops of the Methodist Church as Official Visitor to Latin America and makes periodic visits to 8 countries of Central and South America where we have Methodist work. He is a member of the World Methodist Council and President of the Television, Radio, and Film Commission of tge Methodist Church. He is a member of the General Board of Missions.

Dr. J. Harry Haines

The Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines is General Secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and administers the relief and rehabilitation program of the Methodist Church in 46 countries overseas. A New Zealand-born missionary who served in China from 1941–47, Dr. Haines went to Malaya in 1950 where he served in several positions. During World War II, he served in Chungking, China as a worker with students of the Chinese Air Force Cadet School. He has served in and been related to Methodist annual conferences in West China, Malaya and Switzerland. His annual conference membership since 1962 has been in Switzerland.

Dr. Haines received his early schooling in New Zealand,, Australia and England, and earned the Master and Doctor of Theology degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is author of a study book "Chinese of the Diaspora" and numerous articles for religious periodicals.

Before becoming General Secretary of MCOR, Dr. Haines was a director of the Advance Department, and for three years he was responsible for administering 73 ecumenical inter-church aid projects and traveled extensively throughout Asia.

PROGRAM

Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting

of the

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Louisiana Conference

First Methodist Church — Shreveport, Louisiana

March 13, 14, 15, 1968

Monday, March 13

11:30 - 1:30
Communion Couch Chapel

1:30 Organ Prelude
Hymn: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" No. 204
Convening of the 28th Annual Meeting - Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Dedication of the Program - Mrs. John Howe
Welcome and Introduction of Committee Chairmen- Mrs. John Adams
Presentation of the Program - Mrs. Robert Reich
Business
Report of the Recording Secretary - Mrs. Thomas Hampton
Recommendations from Executive Committee
Appointment of committees
Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws - Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Report of the Treasurer and Recommendations from the Committee on Finance - Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Announcements
Hymn
President's Message - Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Closing Prayer - Reverend P. M. Caraway, Sr.

4:00 - 5:30 — Tea at Business Girls' Inn

6:30 Dinner - First Methodist Church
Presiding - Mrs. John Oldham
Presentation of Work at Dulac Community Center- Reverend Jerry Moon

7:45 Organ Prelude
Scripture and Prayer-Reverend George Pearce, Jr.
Offering
Special Music - Centenary Choir
Address - Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
Closing Prayer - Reverend George Pearce, Jr.

Thursday, March 14

8:45 Organ Prelude
Theme Hymn - "Where Cross the Crowded Ways No. 204
Scripture and Prayer - Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick
Business
Election of Officers
Election of Delegates to South Central Jurisdiction.
Presentation of the Work of the Women of the Evangelical United Brethren Church (E. U. B.) - Mrs. K. Vernon Taylor
Intermission
Hymn
Pledge Service - Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Noon Meditation - Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.

Lunch with Conference Officers. (Circle leaders to meet with Mrs. G. W. Dameron)

2:00 Drama - Marjorie Lyons Playhouse
Jongleurs of Centenary College
"Waiting for Godot"
Panel - Mrs. George Pearce, Jr., Moderator
Presiding - Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Presentation of the World of the Districts - Mrs. Wade Stonecipher - Leader

7:45 Organ Prelude
Hymn
Scripture and Prayer - Reverend W. M. McCutcheon
Offering
Special Music - Choir: First Methodist Church, Shreveport
Address - Dr. Harry Haines
Benediction - Reverend W.M. Cutcheon

Friday, March 15

8:45 Organ Prelude
Scripture and Prayer - Mrs. Charles H. Giessen
Hymn - "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" No. 204
Report of the Wesleyan Service Guild - Miss Miss Mildred Evans
Business
Committee reports
Place of Meeting
Recognition of Retiring Officers - Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Installation of officers-Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.
Noon meditation - Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

Note: The following have listed March 13–15, 1968 for the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference (W.S.C.S.)

Capt. Shreve Hotel - 408 Market St. - 422–9351
Five blocks from Chirch
Restaurant and Coffee Shop
Twin Bed two people – $13 - $18
Double Beds two people – $10 - $14

Downtowner Motor Inn – 322 Market St. – 424–4141
Five blocks from Church
Coffee Shop
Single (1 bed, 1 person) – $9.50
1 Double Bed (2 people) – 12.00
2 Double Beds(2 people) – 14.50
2 Double Beds(4 people) – 18.50

Holiday Inn – I-20 Bossier City – 1½ Miles from Church
Buffett Breakfast $1.15 – Open 6 a.m.
2 Double Beds 2 people – 14.00
2 Double Beds 4 people – 18.00
1 Person – 9.00
Courtesy Car

Ramada Inn of Shreveport
5116 Monkhouse Drive (Airport) – 635-7531
West of Shreveport – On I-20
4½ Miles (8 minutes) from Church
New Restaurant

1 person downstairs	10.00
1 person upstairs	9.00
2 persons double beds upstairs	14.00
2 persons double beds downstairs	16.00

$2.00 per extra person

Almo Plaza Motel – 1288 North Market – 423-0661
North of city – On Highway 71
1½ miles from Church
Restaurant

Single room Double Bed for 1	6.00
2 people Double Bed	8.50
2 people Twin Beds	9.00
2 people Double Beds (2)	10.00
4 People Double Beds (2)	12.00

Courtesy Car

Dr. D. L. Dykes

Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr. has been pastor of the First Methodist Church in Shreveport since 1955. Before that he served as YMCA Secretary in Atlanta, Georgia and pastor of Methodist churches in Zwolle, Louisiana and Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Seated (left to right): Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of the host church and noonday meditation speaker; Mrs. Emory C. Browne, General Chairman of Annual Meeting arrangements for First Methodist Church.

Standing (left to right): Mrs. R. C. Jackson, Jr., Co-Chairman for local church arrangements; Mrs. T. Haller Jackson and Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., Advisors and Chairmen for Executive Committee hospitality; Mrs. George Pearce, Jr., Co-Chairman for Shreveport District arrangements; Mrs. John S. Adams, President of the W. S. C. S., First Methodist Church, Shreveport.

To each Society of the Louisiana Conference, Woman's Society of Christian Service:

March 13, 1968, and the Annual Meeting of our Conference is just around the corner!

We at First Methodist, and many others in the Shreveport District, are gathering momentum in our planning for the comfort of your delegates. We have met with Mrs. McGowen and other Conference officers and are very impressed with the program already outlined in detail.

Please consider this your personal invitation and be assured of a warm Methodist welcome.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John S. Adams, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service
First Methodist Church

The President's Corner

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

As many of you know, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, president of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, suffered a heart attack while attending a meeting in New York City several weeks ago. She is recovering slowly but surely at her home in Ruston. Mrs. Laskey has asked that I thank each of you for the many cards and other expressions of love and concern for her. Flowers from you were placed in her bedroom to greet her when she came home from New York. These spoke of your love for her. I know that you will join me in our good wishes for her during this time and will continue to pray that she have a complete recovery and will soon be able to assume the responsibilities of the office she holds.

Through this letter, I extend to each of you an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service which is to be held at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. The meeting will begin at noon on March 13th, and will close at noon on March 15th. It is very necessary that we know if you are planning to attend this very important meeting. For a year plans have been in "the making" and there has been much thought to the total program that each one attending may find what she is seeking. Some of you will come seeking information, some inspiration, some fellowship, and some a challenge. We hope that you will find all of these.

As nothing is said to be more constant in our world today than change, you will find some departures from our usual schedule. We think that this will be a program that will have much to offer as we try to meet the needs of the day.

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus assured his blessing upon "whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water." We have chosen as our theme for the Annual Meeting "A CUP OF WATER." Many poems and articles have been written around this theme. Throughout the total program, you will fine another theme being developed, that of "HUMAN RIGHTS." Human need is no respector of persons and needs and rights are closely related.

We are expecting each society to send the number of delegates to which they are entitled. "Representation at Annual Meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or fraction thereof. Each Society, however small, shall have one delegate." This is one of the Standing Rules of the Conference. It is important that each Society have representation as this is where you have a voice in the business of the Conference. When you receive the registration cards, please fill them out completely and return them as promptly as possible.

We want to extend a most cordial invitation to those members of the Evangelical United Brethern Church who are members of the Women's Society of World Service to meet with us in the Annual Meeting.

Read carefully each article in this issue of the paper as the program is explained and much information is given. I shall be looking for each of you. Will you join with me in prayer that this meeting will be a most meaningful one.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, President

Mrs. Vernon Taylor

"Mrs. Vernon Taylor, President of the Missouri Conference Women's Society of World Service is the wife of the Rev. Vernon Taylor, Pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Jennings, La.

Mrs. Taylor received her education and taught school in Missouri. Numerous opportunities have been hers for witnessing and personal counselling as she served as Den Mother, 4-H Leaders, P.T.A. Officers, Sunday School teachers, voluntary services, Conference W.S.W.S. officer the past eight years, Conference Board of Missions and Christian Education, along with other activities.

Rev. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of two children, David is a Guidance Counselor in the School System at Aplington, Iowa. Nancy is a senior in the Jennings High School."

Subscriptions for CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES for the year, starting June 1, 1968, will be due by JUNE 1ST. Miss Arline Tyler for Wesleyan Service Guild or Mrs. Wideman Watson for the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be glad to receive your subscription for next year at the Annual Meetings. Why not send the money ($1.00 for 4 issues) for every member of your Society or Guild with your delegate to Annual Meeting. Be sure to send: name, name of your church, and correct mailing address with zipcode for each subscription.

Reverend Jerry Moon

The program of the Dulac Community Center, in Dulac, will be presented Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at a dinner session of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society by Reverend Jerry M. Moon, Executive Director of the Center.

Reverend Moon served as a pastor in West Missouri for ten years before coming to Dulac in 1963. He carried special responsibility in youth work and served frequently as counselor and director of youth camps and institutes. He is an active participant in the war on poverty and in equilization of rights of all races. Mr. Moon holds membership in the National Federation of Settlements and in the American Camping Association. Reverend and Mrs. Moon have two daughters.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRICE OF MEALS DURING ANNUAL MEETING

Box lunch on Thursday	$1.50
Dinner Meal on Wednesday	2.50
Dinner Meal on Thursday	2.50
	$6.50

Information about ordering meal tickets ahead of the meeting will be given in the "Call Letter" to your Society -- in January.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

RUSTON —Mrs. R. M. Steere—District Secretary

The Fall District Coaching Conference was held on October 8, 1967, in the Springhill Church, with an attendance of 36. Each year, all lines of work are presented but with emphasis on one. This year, the emphasis was on Supply Work, with Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Conference Secretary of Supply Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, presenting a fine description of the changes and new plans for Supply Work. She gave those present packets of mimeographed materials which they could take back to their Guilds and which could be the basis of a most timely program in the local Guild.

Several District officers drove to Springhill in time to attend the morning service in the Springhill Church. It was Layman's Day and we were much inspired by a talk given by a young girl (College student) who had done evangelistic work in one of the islands of the West Indies.

Churches which help support the work of Carl and Julia Williams are still interested in seeing slides made by the group who worked with them in Bolivia in the summer of 1966. Dick and Bennett Steere, and Rebecca Walker, one of the college students who was part of the group, attended a Family Night Supper in November in Leesville and gave a program. Rebecca is one of the two girls of the original group who went back to Bolivia to work with the Williams this past summer, so she could bring the report right up-to-date.

The 1968 Spring Meeting for the District will be held in Arcadia on April 7. An Executive Meeting is anticipated for sometime in January.

LAKE CHARLES Mrs. Rosa McCullough — District Secretary

A combined day apart and coaching conference held in Lake Charles was a great success. To the district secretary it was most gratifying. A talk by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Lake Charles, was the highlight of the day.

Evaluation reports were received from 10 of 13 units and reflected thoughtful preparation. It was particularly noticed that there is an increasing closeness between the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guilds with joint committees working on membership studies and in the observance of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. Some units also reported joint planning of the annual programs.

The district secretary attended two meetings in October, Conference Nominating Committee and Conference Guild Committee, both in Alexandria.

Aline Kroger unit, DeQuincy, sent in a fine report of its work during August and September which included donations to and participation in many local and community activities; having as guest speaker the president of the Woman's Society; having a special prayer service for a family struck by a tragedy and preparing food for for this same family.

Maye Youngblood unit, DeRidder, reports continued work with shut-ins and golden agers.

Susie Jones unit, DeRidder, continues its project of supporting Carol Wood with both monetary and moral support--two members each month write her.

Simpson WSG, Lake Charles, writes that one of their members (Kathryn Bower, president) is secretary of the Lake Charles Interdenominational Fellowship of Church Business Women and will be its president in 1969.

Welsh WSG, Welsh, had for a number of years held an early morning prayer service each third Wednesday of the month. This year they also sponsored a quiet breakfast during the Call To Prayer Week.

On December 3rd, district officers met in DeRidder. After church and communion service attended together they had lunch at the home of the district secretary, then to the church parlor for a short business meeting. Officer responsibilities were discussed and suggestions made. District Spring meeting date was set for April 21st at a location to be announced after hostess responsibilities have been accepted. Area responsibilities for the meeting were assigned. It was decided that a committee would be appointed to work up district bylaws for presentation at the above mentioned meeting. These would be patterned on those set up on the conference level.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Secretary's Pen

Dear Friends:
When you read this, Christmas with its beauty and joy will be past and we will have entered a New Year filled with hope and promise. My prayer is for a wonderful year for all of you. Your evaluation reports were good but we must continue to promote the work of the Guild and strive to increase membership and organize new Guild units.
The report of the Treasurer shows that each district is striving to meet its pledge to missions. There is still much to be done if the actual goal is to be reached for 1967–1968.
February is the time for election of local officers. Immediately after your election local secretaries must send the lists of newly-elected officers (on forms provided) to the district secretaries.
The Committee on Nominations has worked hard to present for your consideration and action a very fine slate of candidates for conference officers. They are to be elected at the annual meeting.
The program for our annual meeting may be found elsewhere in this issue. The committee has worked diligently to prepare an interesting and inspirational program. You can show your appreciation by being in Shreveport on March 15–17, 1968. May we count on you?

Sincerely,

Mildred Evans

Spiritual Life Cultivation

Mrs.M.C. Baldridge

Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, reports that plans for the Conference Study Retreat are shaping up. The leader will be Mrs. John Howe, Jr., Woman's Society Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. The place will be the Hodges Garden Lodge; the time, April 27–28, 1968. Since the Lodge will accommodate only sixty persons, it will be necessary to limit attendance from each district.

Final plans for this retreat will be channeled to the members through the district chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

NEW ORLEANS

Morgoret Field, District Secretary

New Orleans District, South Central and Central Jurisdictions, participated in the World Understanding Workshop held at First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge on Saturday, December 9. Mildred Evans, Violet Jackson, Mary Helen Craig, and Margaret Field took part in the program.

The District is planning to raise money for its treasury during Guild Month by presenting a film, "The Lord's Prayer," narrated by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman. A tea will be featured at Rayne Memorial Church.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Committee On Nominations

Your committee wishes to thank all of you who submitted names and recommendations for the office vacancies occurring next spring. We have a wealth of talent and ability in our Conference, as well as a willingness to serve. All this made the important task of selection a happy one. The difficulty came in trying to match the jobs and candidates, trying to keep a well-balanced committee geographically and experience-wise, and to consider the wishes expressed to us. We have tried to do our best. Opportunity will be given for nominations from the floor at the election.

Units are reminded of local elections in February, with consideration given to delegates to the annual meeting at Shreveport, March 15–17. Your local recording secretary should see that the list of newly-elected officers is forwarded promptly to the district secretary.

Guidelines for your nominating committee on the local level will be found in Handbook for WSCS and Handbook for Wesleyan Service Guild. Your pastor and WSCS officers can help you, too.

Your prayers and support have been invaluable. My personal thanks go to the committee for their patience, cooperation, diligence, and help: Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Mrs. Cay Richardson, and Mrs. Lester Beard.

Missionary Education and Service

Mrs. C.G. Mainous (Emma)

Our reports, covering the period from June through November, 1967, show six studies completed and eight studies in progress.

Through our studies we have become keenly aware of our responsibility to missions. I call your attention to another area of concern and solicit your participation.

The Vietnam study emphasis launched in June has become a focal point of Methodist attention across the nation. Study groups have been organized, regional schools, and pastors' schools have placed emphasis on the subject. The Board of Missions and the Board of Christian Social Concerns, who are jointly sponsoring the emphasis are producing three leaflets for the study. "What Can I Do About Vietnam," "Vietnam: Your War," and "Vietnam Primer" are free except for postage, from the Service Center, Board of Missions, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Won't you please order the pamphlets, study them, share them with your Units, and make your opinions known to the Johnson administration and to Congress.

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Installation services for newly elected officers of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service were conducted by Mrs. Lucille Sexton, right. Officers, from left, are: Mrs. Robert Compton, secretary of progrom materials, Mrs. R. E. Carter, chairman of the program area - Christian sacial relations, Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, chairman of the program area - missionary education, Mrs. L.C. Aycock, secretary, and Mrs. W.B. Gardner, treasurer.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE ELECTS OFFICERS UNDER NEW TITLES

Mrs. Lucille Sexton, first president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in its charter year--1940--officiated on Morch 15, 1968, at the installation of the first Louisiana conference officers elected under the titles suggested for offices in the new Women's Society of Christian Service of The United Methodist Church.

Offices include: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, chairmen of the three program areas--Christion social relations, missionary education, and spiritual growth--secretary of program materials, and chairman of the committee on nominations. The titles are the some for the district society. Titles suggested for the local society are listed on page 6.

Mrs. C.B. McGowan, president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, and Mrs. John Howe, secretary of spirituol life cultivotion, ore 'mid-term' in their offices and will continue in office during the tronsitional period.

Elected vice president was Mrs. J. F. Rosett af Shreveport. Mrs. Rosett--Hilda--(pictured on page 5) has been a member of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport for many years. She is active there in choir, official board and the commissions, as well as in the woman's society in which she has held a number of offices including that of president. Mr. and Mrs. Rosett, who enjoy golfing, fishing, and travel, have two daughters. This past manth, Mrs. Rosett was able to be with doughter Linda in Hamburg, Germany to greet a new grandchild. .

Secretary of the Conference society will be Mrs. L. C. Aycock of Ruston. Currently the conference secretary of supply (one af the offices discontinued in the new structure) Tootsy has served as conference secretary of student wark, and as president of the Ruston District, and in many other offices in both the local and district societies. She is the assistont dean for the 1968 School of Christian Mission and will serve as coordinator far the very important afternoon sessions pf the school.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

School Of Christian Mission

July 15-19, 1968

Centenary College- Shreveport, Louisiana

Topics For Study Timely!

NEW FORMS OF MISSION

'Gradually we are finding out that, even if by the grace of God all traditional congregations were to become vital centers of genuine faith, the residential pattern of church life is no longer the only right way to do the church's work. If the church is to fulfill its role in God's mission in our time, then many forms of Christian community and presence will be essential.' (*) This course will help us prepare ourselves to join in living forms of mission.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

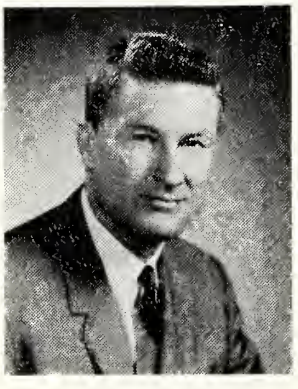
'Southeast Asia is today at the center of world political attention. In the midst of uncertainty and rapid change the Christian church is seeking how to speak a word of reconciliation and hope. The church faces a strong resurgence of ancient faiths, growing secularism which doubts all belief in God, and rejection of ties to the West. Southeast Asia is an appropriate focus for study in 1968. Unsolved issues there could involve the whole world in war and catastrophe. Yet the very turmoil offers the church a great opportunity for witness and service. (*).

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

A study of The Gospel of John could make us more aware of what Christ accomplished in obedience to the Father's will. It is in this Gospel that we find the consecrotion of the church to its life and task in the world and discover how it continues to be consecrated through the Spirit throughout the life and history of the church.

PLENARY SESSIONS

All students will participate in the study of the Gospel of John In addition each student can take one of the above courses, 'New Forms of Mission,' or 'Southeast Asia.' In the plenary session of class each day, all three studies will be coordinated so every student will have the opportunity to relate his own study to the student will have the opportunity to discover how the study he is taking relates to the others. The entire faculty of the school works as a team with the Reverend George Pearce as team co-ordinator to plan the plenary sessions.



Dr. J. B. Holt

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn

School To Have Outstanding Faculty

Dr. J. B. Holt, well known in Louisiana, brings a knowledge of business, law, theology, ten years experience as a missionary in the Phillipines and another ten as professor and as associate dean of the Perkins School of Theology, to the teaching of NEW FORMS OF MISSION.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Executive Director of the Fort Worth Area Council of Churches in Fort Worth, Texas, is a member of the Louisiana Conference and chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns. Dr. Hearn has experimented successfully in the use of modern techniques of communication in Christian education. He is involved in a variety of ecumenical and community activities, and his writings include articles ranging from professional interests to fiction for children. He will lead one section of NEW FORMS OF MISSION.

Mrs. H.L. Georg, who will lead the third section of NEW FORMS OF MISSION in the Louisiana School, is dean this year of the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She is the South Central Jurisdiction secretary of membership cultivation, ond is an accomplished musician, active in both church and community music.

Miss Ethelene Sampley, Fort Pierce, Florida, lists her credentials as a Methodist as being the daughter, grand daughter, sister, sister-in-law, and aunt of Methodist ministers! She has studied extensively in counseling and guidance in the area of religious life, has prepared two Guides for Bible Study for the Woman's Division, and has published a number of orticles in church periodicals. One of her great joys is to be able to come to these schools as one who serves. She will lead the study of the GOSPEL OF JOHN.

Mrs. G.W. Dameron, who needs no introduction to Louisiana women, will serve in both the conference ond the regional schools as Bible dialogue chairman. She will lead a panel in bringing out questions and involving the students in the school in the search for deeper meaning in the GOSPEL OF JOHN.

(*) The description of the courses, NEW FORMS OF MISSION and SOUTHEAST ASIA are quoted from the Annual Announcement of Mission Study Themes and Texts--Friendship Press, 1968-1969.

Mrs. H. L. Georg

Miss Ethelene Sampley

Mrs. John B. Freeman, editor of THE OKLAHOMA METHODIST WOMAN and publicity director for the Oklahoma Conference Woman's Society, comes to o r school with extensive experience in fields of editing and adult education. She has been involved in Peace Corps training for Brazil, Ghana, Bolivia, Tunisia, Peru, ElSalvador, and in field training in Mexico. She will lead a section of SOUTHEAST ASIA.

Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild since June, 1960, served as secretary of the Little Rock Conference prior to her present term of office. Mrs. Dabney is director of day nursery and kindergarten schools of the Lakeside Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She will lead one session of SOUTHEAST ASIA in our school and will be present for the Guild weekend immediately following to discuss new structure for the Guild.

Reverend George Pearce, Jr., District Superintendent of the Shreveport District of The Methodist Church, has served churches in Monroe, DeRidder, Natchitoches, organized Broadmoor Methodist Church in Shreveport in 1939, and served as a chaplain in the Navy. He has wide civic interests and has taken particular interest through the years in mission studies and in the schools. He comes to the school as the team co-ardinator with responsibility for the plenary sessions of class each day.

TOTAL COST OF THE SCHOOL

$ 4.00	Registration fee (includes insurance)
8.00	Room
11.00	Meals

NOTE: No meal tickets will be issued this year. That is--students will pay cash for each meal as they go through the cafeteria line. The total cost for meals for the week will be $11.00, the same as it has been in previous years, but students will need to be prepared to pay it in cash.

Because of insurance requirements, it is necessary for all participants in the School of Christian Mission to be registered. As students arrive on campus, they should report to the lobby of James Dormitory to register and pick up their class admittance cards which will not be mailed out prior to the school as in previous years. NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED TO CLASS WITHOUT A CLASS ADMITTANCE CARD. If any student feels she will be unable to attend more than one day of class, she still must register, pay a fee of $2.00, and obtain her class admittance card which will be marked 'Visitor--One Day Only'. If she finds later that she can attend another day, she will be expected to complete her registration by paying an additional $2.00. In this case she would continue in the class for which she first registered. Students will not be able to change from one class to another during the week.

FRATERNAL CHURCHES INVITED TO SEND DELEGATES

Representatives from fraternal churches in the city of Shreveport will be invited to participate in the School of Christian Mission as day students. Because of limited space for housing, the 'day-student' status is customary for all participants from the immediate city except those few directly involved in the administration of the school.

Texts And Other Materials For School

For the Study of THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:

Text: COMING TO LIFE by Ernest W. Sounders
Your BIBLE

For the Study NEW FORMS OF MISSION:

Texts: MANDATE FOR MISSION	by Eugene L. Smith	$1.75
STUDY ACTION MANUAL	by Claire Randall	$1.25
VENTURES IN MISSION	by Paul Madsen	$1.50

For the Study of SOUTHEAST ASIA:

Texts: CHRIST AND CRISIS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA	by G. H. Anderson	$1.75
ADULT GUIDE ON SOUTHEAST ASIA	by Ernest Fogg	$0.85
THIS IS SOUTHEAST ASIA TODAY	by A. Eastman	$0.85

The text for the Bible Study is available now at Service Center. Service Center has, also, copies of the Friendship Press brochure describing all the materials forthcoming for use with the study themes, NEW FORMS OF MISSION and SOUTHEAST ASIA. This includes materials for youth and children as well as for adults. An order blank is included with the brochure.

Moons To Leave Dulac

Reverend and Mrs. Jerry M. Moon visit with Mrs. Warren Orr.

The resignation of the Reverend Jerry M. Moon as Executive Director of the Dulac Community Center, Dulac, Louisiana, was announced March 29, 1968, at the Annual Meeting of the Lafayette District Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mr. Moon has been director of the center since September, 1963. Under his administration the agency has progressed from an Indian servicing institution to an integrated center. The great variety of programs conducted by the center over the past five years have all had the same purpose, that is: to influence the community toward higher standards of education and social conduct. Perhaps the most noticeable accomplishment has been the replacement of the old center building. A new residence building has been constructed, and an addition has been added to the 1959 building.

The Moons will be moving in August to Ray Town, a suburb of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Moon has enrolled in the University of Missouri at Kansas City where he plans to do graduate studies in social psychology. Mrs. Moon will be teaching in one of the Ray Town elementary schools.

Mrs. G. W. Domeron

Mrs. John B. Freeman

Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney

Reverend George Pearce, Jr.

Mission Tour

A Letter from Mrs. John R. Oldham to:
Pastars, Warkers with Youth, Waman's Society af Christian Service Presidents, and to you:

Dear Friends:

I am sure you knaw by naw that during this quadrennium, emphasis an youth will be number one. Certainly you are laready searching for a starting paint to da everything you can. Ta me there is nat a better starting point than the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Mission Taur which is spansored by the Conference Waman's Society af Christian Service. Plans for this event are underway naw.

This praject is far high school juniors and seniars wha will pass ta the eleventh and twelvth grades this May and those who will be college freshmen in September. I am aşking you ta help by seeing that infarmation about the tour iş presented ta the youth af your church, and that those who wauld benefit mo st fram such an experience, have an opportunity ta go. They must be carefully selected and if more than one wishes to apply, list their names in order of preference. I am asking that recammendations be sent from you. Selection af Tour Members will be made by the Conference Taur Committee.

The Tour Directors will be Mr. and Mrs. Jahn Oldham, Rev. and Mrs. Harald Price, all of Batan Rouge. The Oldhams have been tour directors ar the past five years. Rev. Price is the pastor af St. Jahn Methadist Church in Baton Rouge.

The purpose af the taur is to affard yauth the chance ta see, first-hand, the outreach of the Church in various vocational possibilities in hame missians. The date is July 21 to August 3. The cost of the trip including transportation, insurance, meals and overnight lodging, will be $90.00 per person. We hape that some gr aup in your Church might share in this expense Applicatian blanks must be returned to Mrs. John R. Oldham, 10465 Cedarlane Drive, Batan Rauge, La. 70816, na later than May 15. This will be a long and strenuaus jaurney PHYSICAL FITNESS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

Tour members will arrive at Istrouma Methodist Camp, July 21, and will return ta Broadmoor Methodist Church, Batan Rouge, La., August 3, traveling by chartered bus through parts of Louisiana, Alabama, Georgio, Narth Carolina, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

We shall look forward to having young people from your Church on the taur. I believe it will be a blessing to them and the Church. May Gad continue to bless you in your wark.

Mrs. John R. Oldham

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Treasurer of the conference Wamen's Society, after June 1, will be Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner--Mary Ellen--of Maoringsport, who rarely daes things by halves. She is, at the present time, secretary of Christian social relations of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, dean of the 1968 School of Christian Mission, and president of her lacal society in Mooringsport. She has been Shrevepart District secretary of Christian social relations and has served in a number of other offices in the local and district society. She was first business manager for CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES and is at present chairman of the committee to evaluate the paper. (Repart of the committee found on page 12.)

Christian social relatians becomes a program area in the new structure and the chairman--again drawing from the Shrevepart District--will be Mrs. R. E. Carter, wife of the pastor of the Wynn Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport, and currently the secretary of Christian social relatians in that district. Winnifred has led an active and stimulating program the past twa years with a series of seminars an mental health and an excellent workshop on world understanding with facus on Africa. She has been an active participant in many phases of church wark.

A second program area, missionary education, will be chaired by Mrs. Gilbert Bandel af Batan Rouge. Mary Helen is currently secretary af membership cultivatian far Baton Rouge District. She is a former president of the Woman's Society of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and is frequently called upon to give leadership in areas that draw upon her knawledge and deep study af the Bible. The Bandels have a son who is a medical student.

In Loving Memory

Mrs. Robert S. Reich

On Sunday, February 18, 1968, Mrs. Robert S. Reich, secretary of pragram materials for the Louisiana Conference Waman's Society af Christian Service, passed away after a very short illness. Memorial services were held February 20, at the Reily Memorial University Methodist Church in Batan Rauge where she was a member. The Reverend Dr. Jack Cooke, pastar af Reily Memorial, officiated at the services.

Mrs. Reich, wife of Dr. Rabert S. Reich, head of the department mother of faur children. She had a degree in library science and used her knawledge and skill in volunteer service--organizing libraries in churches and elementary schools in Batan Rauge. She was a musician, an active scouter, octive in Parent-Teachers Assaciation, and in Church Women United. She enjoyed reading and had a callectian of nearly 800 dolls, many af them fareign or antique.

In The Methodist Church, Helen was active an the official board and through the cammissions in her church. She had served as president of the local Waman's Society and had held mare than one district office before her electian ta conference office in 1966.

Helen was chairman af the committee on program far the 27th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Waman's Society in Lake Charles in 1967. She saw so many possibilities far cammunicatian in this type programming that she began ta plan a number of special features that would mast enhance a program of an annual meeting. She was again asked ta serve as chairman af the committee an program for the Annual Meeting in Shrevepart, in March, 1968. She guided the committee with loving care in putting together a program filled with the new and stimulating. Her purpose was realized. Every part of the completed program opened new vistas. The wamen were challenged by whale areas they had not seen before as fields in which they cauld give themselves in service and in love.

On the opening day, the program af the 28th Annual Meeting af the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was dedicated to the glory af God in loving memory of Helen Reich.

Mrs. Robert Compton af Elton, president for the past four years of the Lake Charles District Waman's Society, comes ta the conference society as secretary of program materials. Mary Adele has served in many capacities in both district and local society, and is organist of the Raymond Methadist Church as well as serving in other ways there. An unusual habby af the Comptons (one they use frequently to bring jay to athers) is raising orchids. Mary Adele lists sewing far grandchildren as a favarite occupation, too.

Elected as chairman of the cammittee on nominatians for the coming term af office is Mrs. C. R. McCammon, wife of the pastor of The Methadist Church in Franklin. Janelle is well-known in the canference having served as secretary of youth work, as secretary of missionary personnel, and as a member of the conference executive committee af the Wesleyan Service Guild. She is president of the Board of Directors of the MacDanell Methodist Center and is Woman's Society editor for CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. Janelle teaches in the Franklin public schools, is active in all phases of church work, and is the mother of two daughters.

The President's Corner

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

What's new? Oh so many things that offer us challenge and opportunity. How I wished for each one of you at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service which met in Shreveport at the First Methodist Church. What a wonderful group of hostesses we had. We are greatly indebted to them for the many things that they did for our pleasure and our comfort At this meeting you learned something of the changes which will come to the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild when we become the WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. You will find more of this information in this issue of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. These changes should make possible more freedom in planning creative programs.

At the SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION to be held on the Centenary College Campus, July 15.19th, you will learn more of the changes. I hope that each society will have so meone there who can share the information with your society. In oddition to this information, you will have the opportunity to learn more of New Forms of Mission and of Southeast Asia. Dr. Harry Haines, who was one of our speakers at Annual Meeting, and Dr. Francis Brockman, who itinerated the district Annual Meetings, have started our thinking about Asia and about some of the new forms our mission must take. BRING YOUR BIBLE. Each one attending will have the privilege of studying the GOSPEL OF JOHN under most capable leadership. I hope that you will read it before you come to the School. The text COMING TO LIFE, by Ernest W. Saunders, is available at Service Center now. Watch the back of METHODIST WOMAN for the release of the other texts.

You will be making your local society budgets in a few days. Remember the great need for increased giving. You know the basis of your new pledge is: the amount of your pledge this year plus an increase plus double the amount of your supply askings for the current year. Give as generously as you can remembering that all we have belongs to God and that we are only stewards. We would not want our mission projects to suffer because we so not share.

What o wonderful opportunity we have to go in Mission through the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan
President

THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS OF THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION, JULY 15-19, AT CENTENARY COLLEGE, WILL BE DEVOTED TO OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE NEW STRUCTURE. THIS IS THE TIME PROVIDED FOR GIVING INFORMATION YOUR OFFICERS NEED BEFORE THEY ASSUME THEIR NEW DUTIES IN SEPTEMBER. EVERY LOCAL SOCIETY SHOULD HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE AT THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION.

Mrs. J. F. Rosett, elected vice-president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christion Service at the Annual Meeting in Shreveport, March 13 - 15, 1968.

CHURCH UNION BRINGS CHANGE IN STRUCTURE OF WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild are entering a period of transition. The changes that come as the Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church and the Women's Society of World Service of the Evangelical United Brethren Church become the WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will touch all areas of concern. Some of the changes, as they effect the local society, are highlighted below. These changes must still be approved by the General Conference meeting in Dallas the last week of April and the first week of May.

TITLES OF OFFICERS IN THE LOCAL SOCIETY will be:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Choirmen of Program Areas:
- Chairman of Christian Social Relations
- Chairmon of Missionary Education
- Chairman of Spiritual Growth

In addition to these officers, the local society will elect chairmen for the following committees:

- Committee on Local Church Responsibility
- Committee on Membership (a joint committee with the Guild)
- Committee on Nominations

Note: It is expected that there will be additional committees.

By-laws are being written now to define the responsibilities of the various offices. It is suggested that women now in office in local societies continue in office until September 1, 1968. Women who were elected this spring to the offices listed above should take advantage of all training opportunities possible through the summer and should take office on September 1.

VICE PRESIDENTS---NOTE:
Becouse of the need to synchronize the program of the two uniting organizations, there will NOT be a new program resource book available this summer for use in September. The Program Book, THE NOW PROPHETS, for use from January, 1969, through August, 1969, will bring the two uniting societies to a harmonious schedule and put the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild on the 'program year' of September 1 thru' August 31.

This means local societies will have a four month period, September, 1968, through December, 1968, when they may wish to take advantage of the extra programs in SEARCH FOR IDENTITY, or of the many resource materials available---i.e., the Vietnam Packet, the China Packet, CREATION OUT OF CHAOS, or materials in THE METHODIST WOMAN. Societies often express a wish for programs 'custom tailored' to their specific needs. While there is always opportunity for this kind of programming, we sometimes follow the line of least resistance and use that most easily available with little 'fitting it to our group.' Perhaps these four months will stimulate our program planning techniques and encourage us to think what it is we really wont in programs.

SECRETARIES: In the local society, the secretary (formerly called the recording secretary) will carry responsibility for ordering program materials.

TREASURERS: Mrs. Gallaher says that there is NO change in the woy finances are to be handled at this time. Continue to report as you have been doing. In addition to bookkeeping duties the treasurer will have responsibility for keeping the society informed about the needs of the mission projects. She may wish to have someone on the Committee on Finance who carries this responsibility for her. Remember: There will be no supply askings this year. Your local society pledge to missions for 1968/1969 should equal your pledge for 67/68 plus an increase, plus the amount paid on supply in 67/68. You recall this year you were asked to pay double the amount osked on supply. The additional amount was used for the 'unmet needs' of our mission projects.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Secretary's Pen

Dear Guilders:

We have just held our 17th Annual Meeting at First Methodist Church in the Shreveport District. We appreciate the many courtesies shown us by our hosts during the meeting and the preparation for this eventful meeting. To all who shared the responsibility we are grateful.

It is a little difficult to realize that we are at the close of another year in the Wesleyan Service Guild and that as we begin a New Year we will begin with a new organization.

I hope that all of you are now aware of the changes in structure of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service and that you are ready to accept them as a challenge.

The new structure is one that provides the freedom to build the kind of program that meets the needs in each Guild-Conference District. and Local Unit.

'Given to us is the NOW! We should be quite excited about the new venture! We should accept this challenge and work toward better members, better local units, and for more creative work on all levels.'

'REMEMBER THIS...There is still a Wesleyan Service Guild on three levels and membership in the Jurisdiction Women's Society-Guild. There will be a closer relationship between the Women's Society and Guild as we work together to build a strang organization that will fulfill the purpose of the Women's Society and Guild.'

Further details about the new structure patterns will be sent by the Executive Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Much of this information will be presented at the Conference Guild Weekend. For this reason it will be important that all of you, particularly each district and local officer and members with responsibility seriously resolve to be at Guild Weekend at Centenary College.

The following are important dates and events that you will want to remember:

WEEKEND MISSION SEMINAR: April 19-21, 1968, Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport, Louisiana. This is an opportunity to gain direct knowledge and experience through participation in a project of the National Division, which you help to support through the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

JURISDICTION GUILD ANNUAL MEETING: June 14-16, 1968 Fayetteville, Arkansas. Our quota is ten. This will be the last meeting of the Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild.

WEST GULF REGION SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION: June 17-21, 1968, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. This is for the Conference Guild Chairman and the three people elected by you at our Annual Meeting in Shreveport.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION: July 15-19, 1968, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. We strongly urge you to attend, particularly conference, district, and local officers and members with responsibility for the work and projects of the Guild.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND: July 19-21, 1968, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. again, we urge you to attend - all of you.

My very best wishes for your growth and success in this time of change. If I can be of help in any way, please feel free to call on me.

May God, who makes all things new, be among us as we listen to Him speaking in His world and His people, and then act responsibly.'

Sincerely yours,
Mildred Evans

Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman, Committee on Nominations; Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary (to be called Conference Chairman); and Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Recording Secretary, will comprise the total lineup of conference officers under the new orzational rules of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

In Memoriam

Miss Sue Botton, former Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary, Minden

Mrs. Robert Reich, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service Secretary of Program Materials, Baton Rouge

Miss Fannie Terrell, Julia Reed Guild Unit, First Church, Lake Charles

Miss Mildred Chesson, Julia Reed Guild Unit, First Church, Lake Charles

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE
Mrs. Clayton G. Mainous (Emma) Chairman

With our spring meeting over we can turn our attention to a very special activity scheduled for 1967-1968, not yet held.

April 19-21 brings an opportunity for understanding. The weekend Mission Seminar at Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport, Louisiana, affords the opportunity to gain direct knowledge and experience by participating in a seminar focused on a project of the National Division, which you help to support through the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. If you plan to attend, it is important that you send your reservation to Wesleyan Service Guild, Room 1414, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

The last two years have offered the Missionary Education and Service Chairmen the opportunity to make the SERVICE in their title come alive. From the District Director of Mission Study down to the local church, all study planned is on a churchwide basis. The Missionary Education and Service Chairman should serve on the committees and commissions in planning and presenting the studies. This does not mean that the Guild cannot have individual study.

A poll of the districts in January, 1968, showed that some of the districts are working with the District Director in planning for study. Many of the local chairmen are taking part in the local program. It is hoped that all districts will participate in this new program of study that should enrich the lives of the total membership of the churches.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS
Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman

You who attended the Spring Meeting in Shreveport heard a great deal about the program of 1968. A sense of expectancy is in the air. 1968 is an exciting year in Methodism and there is much to do if we keep abreast of activities that will shape our future.

In the field of Christian Social Relations you have been reading and hearing about events that took place in New York at the United Nations Seminar and the Planning-Orientation Conference which I had the privilege of attending.

To acquaint us with details concerning the observance of the 20th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights outstanding leaders representing different countries and various subjects on human rights briefed us on facts, problems, accomplishments and responsibilities ahead of us. Let me urge you to read every article in METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, METHODIST STORY and other publications that will inform and enlighten you. Changes occur almost daily. Countries are being liberated, conventions and policies are taking shape of which we shoud be aware. Keep up with the activities of the United Nations and reports from the Board of Missions and the Section of Christian Social Relations.

After three days with the United Nations Seminar we spent the rest of the week in a Planning-Orientation Conference, under the leadership of our Woman's Division, who had called together Jurisdiction and Conference leaders of Christian Social Relations. With great urgency and capable leadership we focused our attenon the issues facing us in 1968:

1. The International Year of Human Rights - 1968
2. World Understanding Workshops
3. Race and the Methodist Church
4. Election Issues and Responsibilities in 1968

As we face the year immediately ahead, let us devote our interests to the urgent needs before us and thereby discover our responsibilities as dedicated Christians, using our skills toward developing a world of peace and order for all mankind.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND

THEME: 'WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF ME'

THEME HYMN: 'AWAKE, AWAKE TO LOVE AND WORK'

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1968

4:00 PM	Registration	James Dormitory Shreveport District
6:00 PM	Supper Snack	Monroe District
8:00 PM	Fellowship	Baton Rouge District
9:00 PM	Meditation	

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1968

7:00 AM	Morning Watch	Amphitheater Mrs. Elsie Ellis
7:30 AM	Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Registration	James Dormitory
8:00-8:45	Program Materials	Mrs. Velma Thomas
9:00 AM	GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding
	Theme Hymn-'Awake, Awake to Love and Work'	
	Message	Miss Ethelene Sampley
	'What Dost the Lord Require of Me'	
9:45-10:00	Break	
10:00-10:50	Plenary Session	
11:00-12:00	Application Groups	
	New Forms of Mission	
	Southeast Asia	
12:15 PM	Lunch	
1:45 PM	GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding
	Guild Hymn	
	New Structure	Mrs. Hazel Dabney
3:30 PM	Free Time	
5:30	Supper	
7:00 PM	GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding
	Gospel of John	Miss Ethelene Sampley

SUNDAY, JULY 21 1968

7:00 AM	Morning Watch	Amphitheater Mrs. Helen Owen
7:30 AM	Breakfast	
8:30 AM	GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding
	Hymn-'In Christ There Is No East Or West'	
	Prayer	
9:00 AM	Business	
	Report of General Conference	
	Report from Delegates to Jurisdiction Weekend	
10:00 AM	Gospel of John	Miss Ethelene Sampley
10:30	Break	
10:50 AM	WORSHIP	Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge, Presiding
	Message	Reverend George Pearce
12:15 PM	Lunch	

Guild Study Retreat

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Spiritual Life Retreat will be held at Hodges Gardens, April 27-28, 1968.

Mrs. John Howe, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, will lead the retreat using the theme, 'Treasure In Earthen Vessels.' The purpose is: To review our understanding of and our belief about (1) the church, (2) our witness for Christ, and (3) our continuous search for wholeness. To discover how these three are related, and to become aware of what this relationship means to us.

Basic text is A THEOLOGY FOR CHRISTIAN WITNESSING by Harvey Potthoff. Bring your Bibles. A variety of translations would be helpful.

The program has been planned to include worship, music, prayer and meditation, study, recreation and rest. Bring a cushion or something to 'sit-upon' for outdoor worship.

Registration is at 1:00 PM, Saturday, April 27th, at the Lodge at Hodges Gardens. The retreat will start at 2:00 PM and will close by noon on Sunday.

SUE BATTON

Final rites for Miss Sue Batton were held at 2 pm on Monday, February 19, in Minden. The Rev. Edward Thomas and the Irv. Ira Flowers officiated. Burial was in the Brushwood Cemetery near Dubberly.

Sue suffered a heart attack at her home on February 7, and died unexpectedly in the Minden Sanitarium on February 17 at 7:50 P.M.

She was a native of Dubberly but had lived in Minden for a number of years where she served as a legal secretary. During her latter years she was an income tax accountant.

Sue had been a loyal church worker since early youth and had served in many capacities but her love knew 'no bounds' where the Wesleyan Service Guild was concerned. She had served as Conference Secretary (1954-58), District Secretary, local president and in many other offices in the Wesleyan Service Guild. She had attended national, state, regional, and district Guild meetings, workshops, and conferences and had taken an active part in shaping policies, and in making plans for the on-going of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church in Minden and until recently was an active member of the Chancel Choir.

In her earlier years of adulthood she worked with the youth in the Epworth League in her native Brushwood Church near Dubberly.

Sue was an inspiration to many people and has left footprints on the 'sands of time' that will serve as landmarks for many years to come.

Survivors are two brothers, W.H. Batton of Minden and Charlie Batton of Dubberly; one sister, Mrs. Robert M. Davis of Dubberly and a number of nieces and nephews.

There are many ways in which we could remember Sue, but IN REMEMBRANCE gifts, sent through your District Treasurer, would seem to be a most appropriate way. These gifts are used for the Retirement Fund for Deaconesses and Missionaries. In Sue Batton's name, these who have given their lives in service to others may be better taken care of in their advanced years. What greater tribute could be given in memory of a great Christian?

Your local Guild may make the IN REMEMBRANCE gift in your Guild's name and/or individual gifts may be sent. Either way the family will receive a card informing them of the remembrance.

CHAIRMAN

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

WEEKEND

Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge, Louisiana Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, is Chairman of the Program for the 22nd Annual Guild Weekend, as well as for the Conference Guild Spiritual Life Retreat at Hodges Gardens in April.

Mrs. Baldridge has served in the New Orleans District Wesleyan Service Guild as treasurer, chairman of missionary education and as District Secretary from 1961 to 1965. She has organized three guilds, served as their president, and is ot present serving as president of the Guild of St. Luke's Methodist Church.

She has served both her church and her community in many capacities. Both she and her husband are most interested in in flowers, plants, birds, and animals.

Louise worked over thirty years for Gadchaux Sugars, retiring in 1967 when the company office was moved out of the state.

Wesleyan Service Guild
"A Cup Of Water"

'I Was Thirsty and Ye Gave Me Drink,' was the title af the theme message given by Miss Arline Tyler an Saturday afternaan March 16, at the Seventeenth Annual Meeting af the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

Host Church was First Methodist in Shrevepart with the twa presidents of Guild Units handling the orrangements: Mrs. Vialet Dickens af Unit One and Mrs. Robert Lindsey af Unit Two. Miss Elizabeth Lawrey, Shrevepart District Secretory, ably supervised plans for the entire meeting assisted by a wanderful corps of Shreveport District Guilds.

Featured speaker at the Soturday night banquet was Dr. W. E. Trice, minister of University Park Methodist Church af Dallos. His message wos 'A Quick Look at a Big Warld.' Lively entertainment at the banquet was furnished by the talented Mrs. E.J. Barksdale of Shreveport and her accompanist, Mrs. Elizabeth Trickett. After the evening meeting everyone went to Business Girls' Inn for a tour of the lovely hame and a delightful reception.

Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Director af Business Girls' Inn, led the meditotion at Sunday breakfast with the message,'To Fill This Cup.'

Mrs. C.B. McGawan, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society President, installed the two newly elected officers at the session Sunday morning in Couch Chapel. Mrs. Doisy Bergeran was elected to serve as Conference Recording Secretary, and Miss Arline Tyler to be Chairman of the Committee on Naminations.

After the installation, Dr. D.L. Dykes led the group in the ceremony of the Breaking af the Bread.

Miss Elizabeth Langford, program chairman far the spring meeting is to be congratulated an the splendid program. All 208 who were there---representing all eight districts---offer her their sincere thonks.

To Missions

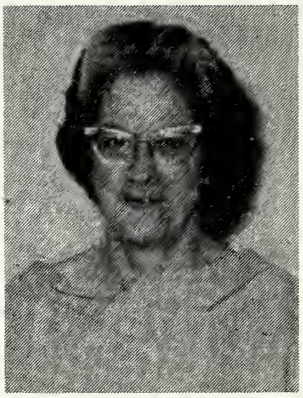
Honorary Life Memberships--each representing $100.00 given ta missions--were presented to the outgaing officers at the Saturday night banquet during the Guild Spring Meeting in Shrevepart. Miss Marilynn Corter presented two: ane to Miss Dorathy Dunbar who has served four years as Conference Chairman of Supply Work, ond one to Miss Maree White who has served five years as Conference Recording Secretary. Miss Elizabeth Langford presented ane ta Miss Grace Lawson who has served four years as Canference Chairmon of Program Materials. Mrs. Alvin Sandefur made the presentation to Mrs. Clayton Mainous who has been Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service for four years. Miss Mildred Evans pinned one an Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer far the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

During the Saturday afternoon session Miss Mildred Evans presented a Certificate in recognitian of a Gift for Missions in the name of each of the fallowing: Miss Dorathy Dunbar, Miss Grace Lawsan, Miss Elizabeth Lawrey, Miss Maree White, Mrs. W.B. Gardner, Mrs. Max Claytan, Mrs. G.W. Dameran, Mrs. C.G. Mainous, Mrs. C.R. McCamman, and Mrs. Garland Dean. This offering was Miss Evans' persanal gift to Missians in appreciation af outgoing Waman's Society and Guild Officers with whom she has warked chosely.

Bookmarks far Missians, replacing the usual carsages far missions, were sold at the meeting. An incomplete repart showed that $93.00 had been realized by the Sunday marning sessian. This money was sent to Missions in memary of Miss Sue Batton, a farmer Conference Secretary af Wesleyan Service Guild, ond Mrs. Robert Reich, a Waman's Society Conference afficer, bath of wham were recently deceased.

An offering for Missians was taken Saturday afternaan and the sum of $156.00 was dedicated in Hanor of these autgoing Waman's Society officers: Mrs. C.R. McCammon, Mrs. L.C. Aycack, Mrs. Max Claytan, and Mrs. Garland Dean.

Annual Spring Meeting
GUILD ELECTS OFFICERS



Mrs. Doisy F. Bergeran af First Methodist Church, West Monroe, was a charter member af the Coushotta Wesleyan Service Guild and at one time ar another she has held every office in the locol unit, and has also served as a district afficer. We welcome her as the newly-elected Conference Recording Secretary o^{f} Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Bergeron is a graduate of Monsfield Female College, and holds the bachelor's and moster's degrees fram Narthwestern State College of Natchitaches. She has done additional graduate work ot Louisiana State University, Stanford University, and North Texas State Univeriity. Priar to returning to the teaching field, Mrs. Bergeron warked with the Department af Public Welfare and the Farmers Hame Administratian At present she is a mothematics and physics teacher at West Monrae High Schaal.

Until her mather's illness she was very active in the children's divisian of the church school and ; erved for owhile as district directoı af children's work in the Alexandria District and later in Monrae District.

Miss Arline Tyler, new Chairman of the Committee an Nominatians for Wesleyan Service Guild, needs na introductian to Louisiana Methodist Women. She served fram 1962-1966 as Conference Guild Secretary, and, priar to that served as Conference and Jurisdictian Chairman af Spiritual Life Cultivatian.

Arline is a member af Noel Church in Shrevepart, where she has long been active in various responsibilities. From 1942-1951 she was a deaconess daina rural wark in Missauri and Alabama. At present she is a teacher in Shreveport.

Pledges ta missians made by the District Secretaries during an impressive service Saturday afternaan were: Alexandria, $2691; Baton Rauge, $3389; Lafayette, $2146; Lake Charles, $3638; Manroe, $4190 New Orleans, $3330; Ruston, $3072; and Shreveport $3807. Tatal, $26,173.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT---Miss Bessie M. Rollo---Secretary

We are proud to report that many local Guilds joined with their Woman's Society groups in celebration of Guild month in January. We are experiencing a greater togetherness between these two groups throughout our District.

There were ten attending the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Annual Spring Meeting from the Alexandria District. Our 'hats off' to Trinity of Alexandria having six in attendance. There were two from Winnfield, one from First Church Alexandria, and one from Bunkie. I believe we all have our cup filled to overflowing. Besides the magnificent spiritual up-lift, the fellowship and meals could not have been better and the floral arrangements in every instance were most beautiful. Those unable to attend this meeting missed a great deal, as well as pertinent information on new structure.

The Alexandria District and the Wesleyan Service Guild unit at First Church Alexandria extends an invitation to the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild to hold its 1969 Spring Meeting in the new facilities at First Church. Plans are already underway to provide an informative and inspirational meeting.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT---Mrs. Claude Barnes, Chm. C.S.R.

The Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Baton Rouge District held their Annual Christian Social Relations Citizenship Brunch, Sunday, January 21, at the First Methodist Church Youth Center in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Margaret Brand, chief of Opthomology Service at the U.S. Public Service Hospital in Carville, was principal speaker and took as her topic 'A Door of Hope for Leprosy Sufferers.'

Dr. Brand, with her husband, Dr. Paul Brand, who is chief of the Rehabilitation Branch at the hospital, became interested in the problems of leprosy at the Christian Medical College, in Vellore, India in 1946. They came to Carville in 1966.

Dr. Brand emphasized that the leprosy patient has many things to overcome such as fear, hopelessness, incurability, deformity, and social nonacceptance.

Mrs. Claude Barnes, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations, presided at the brunch which was attended by 120 persons from the 13 Guilds in the Baton Rouge District.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT---Miss Margaret M. Field---Secretary

New Orleans Guilders celebrated January as Guild Month by various kinds of joint meetings (dinner meetings, program meetings) with their local Woman's Societies, and by receiving special recognition from their pastors in one morning worship service during the month.

The District as a whole participated in the annual January project, which is our only fund raising activity of the year. This year it took the form of a religious film, THE LORD'S PRAYER, narrated by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman. Tea was served after the program. The event was held at Rayne Memorial Church, and the general chairman was Mrs. Helen Orbeck. Proceeds were $112.00 , which will be used to help defray the expense of the chartered bus to Shreveport for Guild Weekend in July.

The District Secretary has, during her term of office, attended three executive committee meetings of the District Woman's Society. The third one was a joint meeting of Guild and Woman's Society executive committees, and proved helpful to all who were present. We have an excellent working relationship with the District Woman's Society, and are grateful for their cooperation and help.

We hope to be able to announce soon the formation of a new Guild unit at St. Paul's Church.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT--Miss Hermine Tate--District Secretary

Each of the eight Guilds show much enthusiasm and activity in the local church. Members can be found on the various commissions working in the church school, and serving on the official board. All have taken an active part in the church wide studies and some have promoted extra studies.

Abbeville reports an exceptionally bus y year; they also remembered Dulac at Christmas...New Iberia was hostess to a well-attended coaching conference...Opelousas is getting ready for our spring meeting on April 21st...First Church, Lafayette, had a fellowship tea(the idea was borrowed from Houma last year)...Crowley Guild helped with the 'Goodby and &ello' parties for their ministers... Bob Rowland, husband of Asbury Guild president. Glenva, has recently been licensed to preach...Houma had a Guild member speaking at the 11 o'clock worship service in celebration of Guild month...Rayne Guild was co-sponsor with the Woman's Society for cottage prayer meetings held prior to their week of revival.

RUSTON DISTRICT---Mrs. R. M. Steere---District Secretary

The Fall District Coaching Conference was held on October 1, in the lovely Springhill Church, with an attendance of 36. Each year all lines of work are presented with emphasis on one. This year the emphasis was on Supply Work, with Mrs. L.C. Aycock, Conference Secretary of Supply Work of the Woman's Society, presenting a fine description of the changes and new plans. Mrs. Aycock had prepared packets of mimeographed materials to give to each Guild. These contained material which could be used both for information and for a Guild program.

The local Guild programs seem to have been unusually fine this year and several units have had speakers from the Business Girls' Inn.. A number of the Guilds participated in the World Day of Prayer, with one reporting that they gave the program for a joint meeting with the Woman's Society. Guild Month was observed in a number of Guilds by some kind of joint meeting with Societies.

A District Executive Committee Meeting was held at the home of Irene Deas in Arcadia on Saturday, February 10. After a luncheon was served, a fine business meeting considered a number of items relating to the District. Seven ladies were in attendance.

We were saddened by the death of Miss Sue Batton in Minden on February 17, following a heart attack. We will miss her very much. The memory of her devoted Christian life will stand as an inspiration to her many friends.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT---Miss Elizabeth Lowrey---Secretary

Now that Spring Meeting in Shreveport is a thing of the past, the National Seminar at Business Girls' Inn, April 20- 21 will be the next meeting of widespread Guild interest. Spearheading this seminar will be these Guilders: Business Girls' Inn Director Maxine Watkins, co-ordinator Arline Tyler, and chairman for Friday covered dish supper, Eola Brewster.

Annual District Spring Meeting will be held April 27 at Forbing and fall into the pattern of last year's meetings: Chairmen of lines of Work (now Program Areas) will lead in the general sessions. Officers will be elected and installed during the afternoon, after which vesper and the dinner will follow. Our theme will be taken from Conference Spring Meeting: A CUP OF WATER. The bazaar will be held as usual with each unit furnishing ten items for sale at $1.00, proceeds applying on District Pledge. A sack lunch at noon and refreshment break in the afternoon will give opportunity for fellowship. Broadmoor Unit hosted Guild Committee, Feb. 11.

Unit presidents and other committee members, please remember the committee meeting at 10:00 A.M. April 27 at Forbing, preceeding the general meeting. At this time final arrangements will be made for our responsibilities at Centenary Weekend. Already appointed registrar is Miss Adeline Durham of Noel Church. First Church Unit II President Patty Lindsey will be contact person for Centenary College this year.

We feel there will be added interest and enthusiasm as we undertake to unite with the Evangelical United Brethren and to begin to understand changes taking place.

During the first three quarters, Kingdom House and Mazambique askings were overpaid in the district. Treasurers please note: supply contributions may be sent undesignated and to Magazine and Picture Fund and Business Girls' Inn in April.

MONROE DISTRICT--Miss Agnes Miller.--District Secretary

The Monroe District is making plans for an inspirational District Spring Conference to be held in Lake Providence on April 21. An enthusiastic planning meeting was held at the home of the District Secretary early in March. Among the items on the program will be explanations of the changes in structure that are scheduled for this fall. There will also be a ceremony of Breaking of Bread, patterned after the ceremony at the Spring Conference in Shreveport.

The visitation of the Guilds in the District continues to be the program of the Secretary and Helen Owen, District Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Of the eighteen Guilds in the District, a total of twelve Guilds have been visited on invitotian. It is planned to complete the visitation of all units.

Mrs. Maxine Watkins of the Business Girls' Inn presented a most interesting and informative discussian af the work of the Inn at a meeting of a number of Guilds in the Monroe area. She presented the services the residence hall has to offer the girls who live there. The slides with which she illustrated her lecture showed the Inn, the facilities, and girls, and significant parts of the program there.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT--Mrs. Rosa McCullaugh---Secretary

Aline Kroger Unit (DeQuincy) contributed to the church project at Dulac instead of exchanging gifts at their Christmas party. In January the Woman's Society entertained the Guild at supper in observonce of Guild Month, and both groups prepared and presented a program on 'Louisiana Missions.'

Susie Jones and Maye Youngblood Units (DeRidder) observed Guild Month by attending church services together. They also jointly sponsored a social hour to which all women af the church were invited. The District Secretary was honored at this meeting and presented o book, 'Heirlaams,' a collection of quotations by Margoret Applegrath. This was a surprise, and a highlight for me!

Maye Youngblood Unit (with a membership of 12) had a particularly outstanding project at Thanksgiving, af interest ta everyone. Instead of giving to one family in the form of a basket, they spent $10.00 which had a much more far-reaching benefit to people in need. The members decided to donate this amount for Food Stamp use. One of the members is a FoodStamp worker, and the money was given in the name of the Guild to some of the destitute families who lacked the money to make their initial purchase for Food Stomps. The investment reached seven families, serving 21 family members, for a total of $268.00 in food stamp value...and a balance of $1.75 remains of the original $10.00! This, of course, had to be handled in such o way that the Public Welfare office approved, and explanations made clearly that it was not ghe contributing factor. This was o gratifying experience for this unit which is a most charitable group, displaying much community concern. Those of you who might be interested in a similar 'investment' may write me for more details, if you wish.

Julia Reid Unit (Loke Chorles) sent o church bulletin which hod the Guild emblem scattered over the cover, ond contoined an orticle honoring the Guild. They, olso, were guests of the Woman's Society of Christian Service during Guild Month.

The two Leesville units met in joint session in Jonuory...they hod o roiny, icy night, but report on excellent progrom in spite of it.

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District Secretaries af the Wesleyan Service Guild pictured in Couch Chapel, First Methadist Church, Shrevepart are (from left): Margaret Field, New Orleans, Bessie Rallo, Alexandria, Rosa McCullaugh, Lake Charles, Hermine Tate, Lafayette, Bennett Steere, Ruston, Elizabeth Lowrey, Shreveport, Helen Owens, substituting for Agnes Miller, Monroe, and Gail Roundtree, Baton Rouge.

Committee Reports On TIMES

The committee to evaluate the Conference paper, CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES met in the home of Mrs. C.B. McGowan, January 10, 1968.

The committee decided that its first duty was to determine if the paper has fulfilled its obligation and purpose to the Conference. It was the thinking of the Committee that the paper had fulfilled its purpose to the Conference and in daing so hod brought a feeling of closeness between the members af the Waman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Committee feels that the paper has even greater potential to help the Society and Guild members.

In the light of this evaluation we recommend that the paper be continued for three years with a very careful evaluation being made at the end of two years from this date. (January, 1968).

The Committee was of the opinion that every effort should be be made to make the paper selfsupporting by subscription;to achieve this goal it is estimated an annual budget of $1,500.00 will be needed. It is hoped that starting in June, 1969, the paper will be on a paying basis through subscriptions. At such time the free copy of the paper that is presently being sent to the president of each local Society and Guild will be stopped. Then the only copies that will be sent into local Societies and Guilds will be an a subscription basis.

To help make the CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES self supporting the promotion of the paper needs to be enlarged with more effort on the part of the Districts. The Committee thinks this can be better accomplished by having someone in each district charged with the responsibility of promoting the CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES in that district. The person charged with the responsibility of promoting the paper in the district will be selected by the District President who will send the name of the person selected to the Conference. A similar pattern will be followed by the Guild.

If the paper is to develop the potential ond serve the Conference os we think it con, we ore of the opinion thot it needs the full efforts and attention of those responsible. Therefore, we recommend that, when the term of office of the present staff expires, the Editor in-Chief, Editor of the Womon's Society of Christion Service, Editor of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and Business Monoger not hold ony other Conference office. We recommend thot there be only one Business Manoger serving both the Womon's Society ond the Guild.

In evaluating how the poper may serve the locol woman we feel that if the president of the local Society or Guild would use the paper wisely in her meetings the paper could become on educotionol tool for members in the locol Society ond Guild. It was found thot often times the locol president did not share the poper with her mem bers in ony woy. Therefore, we suggest thot eoch District President and District Secretary encouroge locol presidents to use the paper and suggest woys of using it to benefit the locol woman.

In a fronk ond open discussion with some of the stoff of the paper it wos decided that the paper could bring more up-to-dote information, help in the promoting of lines of work, ond bring information on the totol progrom of the Womon's Society of Christion Service and Wesleyon Service Guild.

We hope the Committee hos served the Conference in the woy the Conference desired. With this wish we submit this report.
Committee Members: Mrs. Wiley B. Gordner, Choirmon; Mrs. W.F. Monning, Jr., Miss Marilynn Carter, Miss Hermine Tate, Mrs. John Howe.

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A NEW NAME

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Participants in the service uniting the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the former Methodist Church with the Women's Society of World Service of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church of the same area. Presiding was Mrs. C. B. McGawan, president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society (at left) Dr. Jack S. Wilkes (at right) president of Centenary College, delivered the sermon. Left to right in the center picture are Mrs. Clive Hiltan, representing the former Evangelical United Brethren Church, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and Mrs. G. W. Dameron, each representing the farmer Methadist Church, and Mrs. Shelby Daniel, representing the former Evangelical United Brethren Church.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

As I thumb through magazines, I am amazed and somewhat incredulous as I read the advertisements of claims of the magic wrought by detergents when used on dishes, silverware and clothes. One phrase, "You'll get nothing but praise," sticks in my mind. This the phrase that expresses my feelings about the response of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

You as individuals have responded in so many ways to the requests that have been made. These past few weeks have been a time of stock-taking to see how well or how poorly we have met the goals set forth in the PURPOSE of the Organization. It was a time of rejoicing in some instances and of concern in others.

The way in which you responded to the request to double the SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS was most gratifying. While our Conference did not meet its PLEDGE TO MISSIONS, THE OVERALL GIVING WAS MORE THAN THAT WHICH WAS GIVEN THE YEAR BEFORE. There is a greater need now than ever before for us to strive to meet our enlarged pledge. No longer are we asked to give Supply Work for a particular institution or project, but it is expected that the pledges of individuals were increased to include what was given for Supply Work in 1967-68. We can well understand the need for increased giving if we but note how much more it costs to operate our own homes.

The Conference had its UNITING CEREMONY during the School of Christian Mission and we became the WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE. The fact that we are a new organization will not become real to us until we have a CHARTER MEETING in each local society in October. A Service of Celebration, Charter Membership Cards, and certificates of Membership will be provided by the Women's Division. Perhaps you have already received yours. It might be that you will want to write your own Service of Celebration. It need not be a long service, but let it be a meaningful one.

Many of you are now serving as officers for the first time, having taken on the responsibility the first of September. We appreciate the willingness of those officers who kept their offices until that time. We hope that those of you who are now leading your societies have availed yourselves of each opportunity for training. We realize that there are many questions unanswered. We are working together to make plans that will help us in this transition period. To lay down too specific plans would not give local societies the opportunity to meet the needs of their particular society. We hope that each office will study the new CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. The Standing Rules for the Conference and Districts are now in the process of being written. Until you have something more definite, use the Standing Rules that have been used this last year.

The challenges and opportunities which we face are many. Let us be equal to the tasks and enter into them with enthusiasm. Let us get a vision of the wonderful things that can be wrought in us as individuals and in our WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD as we work together, with God, to realize our purposeas an organization. "You'll get nothing but praise" and an inner satisfaction and glow as we work together and pray together.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan
President

The Chairman's Corner

Dear Guilders:

Our 22nd Annual Guild Weekend at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana is now history . The assistance, work, and cooperation of all who helped make this weekend a success is deeply appreciated. Regretfully, the attendance was poor. Only 112 out of a total membership of 1,784 were there. We wonder where the other 1,672 members were. At this time of change, it was most important that every Guild Unit should have been represented since this is the place where you are given the information necessary for the effective service of your unit in the Church and the community.

The Quadrennial Emphasis for 1968-72 has for its general theme "A New Church for a New World." The Biblical text is "if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). The purpose is "Renewal of the church through three simultaneous interrelated responses of significant witness"

I. The Church and the Word.
II. The Church and Its Work.
III. The Church and the World.
JOY – SERVICE – LOVE

How can we accept the challenge of this emphasis and become effective witnesses if we accept so lightly our responsibility in and our loyalty to the Wesleyan Service Guild?

Our dates for 1968-69 are as follows:

October 19-20, 1968 –	Mid-Year Committee Meeting Holiday Inn – Alexandria
December 6-8, 1968 –	Conference Chairmen meeting with Women's Division Guild Committee New York City
March 14-16, 1969 –	Annual Spring Meeting First United Methodist Church Alexandria
June 16-20, 1969 –	West Gulf Region School of Christian Mission Mt. Sequoyah – Fayetteville, Ark.
July 21-25, 1969 –	Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission Centenary College – Shreveport
July 25-27, 1969 –	Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend Centenary College – Shreveport

Please take note of these dates and events. We hope all of you will be at the Annual Spring Meeting and Guild Weekend next year. This is YOUR Guild and it needs YOU.

With love,
Mildred Evans
Conference Chairman

Mrs. Charles B. McGowon, president of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, and Miss Mildred Evons, Louisiana Conference Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, at the South Central Jurisdiction Guild Weekend.

Those from Louisiana Attending Jurisdiction Guild Weekend were: (Left to Right) Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, Miss Bessie Ralla, Miss Mottye Ruth Bond, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Mildred Evons, Mrs. Virginia Ward, Mrs. C. B. McGowon, Miss Morie Pace, Mrs. Doisy Bergeron and Miss Elizabeth Langford. Delegates from the Central Jurisdiction, Louisiana Conference, not in the picture were: Mrs. Mary Helen Craig, Mrs. Celino T. Johnson and Mrs. Mottye Stinson.

JURISDICTION GUILD WEEKEND

Louisiana Conference had its quota of ten delegates at the South Central Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 14-16. The theme FAITH TO FIND THE PATHS AHEAD was developed throughout the program by outstanding leadership. Mrs. Hazel Dabney, in her last and eighth year as Jurisdiction Secretary, convened the 27th Jurisdiction meeting in the Clapp Auditorium. There were 408 registered, including delegates from 21 conferences, staff members, and program personnel.

Miss Ethelene Sampley of Fort Pierce, Florida, a Bible scholar of note, led the dialogue on "New Understandings of Theology." She is an inspiration a delight in her presentation of the Scriptures.

The two Studies for 1968-69 were presented: "SOUTHEAST ASIA: World Issues Involved in This Study and Their Implications" was reviewed by Miss Elaine Gasser of Dayton, Ohio. "NEW FORMS IN MISSION" was ably presented by Mrs. J. Russell Henderson of Little Rock. "The mandate for mission rests upon every congregation. That mandate is found in the deep search of people for meaning . . . in the ominous contrasts today between affluence and poverty – the nature of the mission – signs of renewal in mission – our participation – "

Miss Gene Maxwell of Evanston, Illinois, interspersed each number on the program withrecordings of meaning and interpretation to the delight of the audience. A conversational panel on NEW DIMENSIONS STRUCTURE proved most informative. Another panel on a NEW CHURCH FOR A NEW WORLD declared "The Church is the community of those sent out .. . . . ." On Sunday the closing program on NEW DIMENSIONS concluded a weekend that opened the way for Tomorrow with greater confidence and dedication.

In Memoriam

Louise Williams, Slidell, New Orleans District
Freddie Smith, Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans
Margaret McGowan, Gentilly, Church, New Orleans
Mrs. Gilman McConnell, First Church, Baton Rouge

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND

Elizabeth Langford

The 22nd Annual Guild Weekend for the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds held in Shreveport, at Centenary College – July 19-21 was again pronounced "the best ever."

The theme "FAITH TO FIND THE PATHS AHEAD" set the tone for the successful weekend. Mrs. Thurla Bordelon of the First Church, Monroe, Guild illustrated the theme of the program cover, showing various paths that one could climb "in faith" to the cross that illumined the distant horizon.

Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, guided the program that had been chaired byMrs. Milton Baldridge of New Orleans. Due to the recent death of Mr. Baldridge, Louise could not be present at the Guild Weekend.

Centenary College made available its many excellent facilities and James Dormitory housed the 112 delegates. The Hurley Music Building Auditorium was headquarters for the excellent program, while the cafeteria and the bountiful meals served proved to be a popular interlude three times a day – Guilders lingered at each meal in happy fellowship, renewing old friendships and making new ones. A large number of "first timers" were favorably impressed with the entire program.

Friday evening when registration opened, a supper snack was served by the Monroe District, followed by fellowship and entertainment furnished by Baton Rouge District. Shreveport District supervised the registration and housing, and served coffee and cookies in Hurley Hall on Saturday and Sunday during intermissions.

How can we say thank you to Miss Ethelene Sampley, our guest leader from Fort Pierce, Florida, who so ably made the Gospel of John come alive in the presentations which always s ended much too soon – and to Mr. Hazel Dabney, former Jurisdiction Secretary from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who enlightened us on the new structure of Wesleyan Service Guilds. We greatly appreciated these two who contributed so much to our program.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Gardner, Conference Treasurer; Reverend George Pierce, Shreveport District Superintendent; Mr. Dudley Snow, Lay Leader; Mrs. W. D. Cotton, Song Leader; Mrs. Soileau, pianist; and Butch Ken, visual-aids director each made a distinct contribution to the success of the weekend.

Several substitutions in the program had to be made, but, as always, there was a Guilder ready to fill in and their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Virginia Ward, West Monroe, presented the study on Southeast Asia, assisted by Mrs. Gloria Bennett of Monroe. Your reporter introduced the study on New Forms of Mission. These two had attended the Regional School at Mt. Sequoyah and the Conference School at Centenary and were quite excited by the scope and possibilities found in the two studies.

Through lecture, dialogue, group involvement, visual aids, singing and fellowship each guilder present sensed the fact that paths ahead would be traveled with the Master of men as Guide and our fellowmen as brothers. The coming year holds many new and exciting changes and Louisiana Guilders will grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Hodges Gardens, 1968

By Agnes Allen Miller

How do I love You, my Lord?
What does Your full service mean?
Can I comprehend the self-giving?
Can I face the future unseen?

You have prayed for Your chosen disciples,
So, too, You have prayed for my sake.
May I give my own life to Your all-holding love
No matter what cost it may take.

MORNING MEDITATION

Hodges Gardens

By Agnes Allen Miller

Wrapped in the mists of morning,
The shore line blurred and dim,
The cries of birds awaking,
The silent, stirring lake----
A new created seasan
For prayer and praise ta Thee,
Creatar of all laveliness,
For what Thy hands did make.

Our praises unta Thee, Oh Gad,
In meditatian rise----
For workings of Thy mighty power,
For day that follows day.
Oh, guide our wills ---without, within---
Ta serve Thy holy plan,
Direct us, use us, lead us on,
In humble love we pray.

The paems, 'Hadges Gardens, 1968' and 'Maming Meditatian' were written by Mrs. Austin Miller at the time af the Lauisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Spiritual Life Retreat at Hadges Gardens, in April, 1968, and were shared with the graup in one af the warship periads during the retreat. A number af participants asked far capies af the paems, and Mrs. Miller very graciously gave us permissian ta print them in this issue of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES.

STRUCTURE: GUILD OFFICERS, LOCAL, DISTRICT, AND CONFERENCE

LOCAL

Elected Officers:
- President
- Recarding Secretary*
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Coardinator
- Chairman af Nominatians

Chairmen af Pragram Areas:
Decided by the executive committee after considering the needs and interests af the Guild.

*The recarding secretary arders all pragram materials. If the unit is large there might be a chairman af pragram materials.

DISTRICT

- Chairman
- Recarding Secretary
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- Task Graups in Pragram Areas

CONFERENCE

- Chairman
- Recarding Secretary
- Chairman - Cammittee an Naminatians
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TWO DISTRICTS HAVE NEW GUILD CHAIRMAN

MRS. JACK PRICE

New District Chairman, Shreveport District

Mrs. Jack Price is a member of Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport. She is one of the church librarians and is secretary to the ABC Sunday School class. As a member of Guild Unit 1, she has served as president, vice-president, recording secretary, and chairman of Missionary Education.

Ella's family consists of her husbnad, Jack, and one son, James, who is a pre-medical student at Tulane University.

She has worked for twenty-three years for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.; she is an account executive with the firm.

MISS LILLIAN KENNEDY

New District Chairman of Baton Rouge District

Lillian Kennedy is a native Louisianian and she has lived in Baton Rouge since early childhood. She was educated in the public schools of East Baton Rouge Parish and Louisiana State University where she earned the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Bachelor of Science in Library Science.

She taught elementary and junior high grades in East Baton Rouge Parish until 1944 when she became Supervisor of Materials of Instruction in the East Baton Rouge schools. She is presently serving as Supervisor of Instructional Resources and Libraries in her parish. Each spring she teaches a course in Children's Literature at Louisiana State University Library School.

Miss Kennedy joined the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, at age seven. She has a long record of service to her church, having begun teaching classes in the Junior Department after graduation from high school; she now teaches the Mizpah Bible Class for Women.

When the Wesleyan Service Guild was chartered in 1940, Lillian became a member, having belonged earlier to the group that became the Guild upon unification. She was the second editor of Guild Times and has served in many other offices including an earlier term as District Secretary.

Wesleyan Service Guild DISTRICT NEWS

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Miss Hermine Tate, Chairman

The district spring meeting was held in Oplousas with all eight Guilds represented. All units gave enthusiastic reports; most reported having a closer working togetherness with the WSCS.

The theme message of the meeting, "A Cup of Water," was given by Miss Maree White. An offering was sent to missions honoring two retiring Conference officers from thedistrict, Miss Dorothy Dunbar and Miss Maree White. * * * * *

Friends of Miss Hermine Tate will want to know that by the time this issue is received she should be recuperating at her home in Lafayette. She suffered a broken leg in a fall in Houston where surgery was done to repair the damage. Ahe was later transferred to a Lafayette hospital until she could be allowed to go home to complete the "mending" process. Ed.

SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW GUILD IN TRINITY CHURCH, RUSTON, AND THE LADIES WHO HELPED THEM ORGANIZE: Seoted, left to right, are Mrs. H.D. Burkhalter, president of the Wamen's Society; Mrs. Evelyn Andersan, treosurer; Mrs. R.M. Steere, district choirmon; Mrs. Jim Gist, secretary; Mrs. Thomas Lewis, vice president. Mrs. Fred Barr, president, is shown secand from the left, standing, and Mrs. D.L. McGuire, secretary of membership cultivation of the Women's Society, directly behind Mrs. Steere. There ore 15 members of the new Guild.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Mrs. R. M. Steere, Chairman

The Spring District Meeting was held in Arcadia on March 31, with 36 members present. Inspirational speaker for the occasion was Miss Elizabeth Langford, and special music was brought by a student of Louisiana Tech. The devotional was given by Miss Mary Tooke, also a student at Louisiana Tech, who is serving as Youth Worker in the Arcadia Church. The meeting was concluded with the Breaking of the Bread Ceremony, led by Rev. John Sewell, pastor of the Arcadia Church.

A new Guild unit has been organized at Trinity Church, Ruston, with 15 members. It is the result of joint effort of the Woman's Society and the Guild, and will meet for a luncheon meeting at the church once a month. The Guild, the third in Trinity Church, has been named for the District Guild Chairman.

The evaluation reports from the local Guilds have shown good work this year. Need is felt by the mambers for more action following study, although attitudes and understanding have been broadened by it.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Miss Margaret M. Field, Chairman

The annual meeting of the New Orleans District was held April 29 at Gentilly Church, with a gratifying attendance of 61. The Slidell Guild was outstanding in that it had 16 members present.

The devotional was given by the Rev. William Mayo, pastor of Gentilly Church. The program consisted of informative and inspirational talks by Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Guild Chairman, and Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer of the Woman's Society. Both talked of changes in our structure and opportunities for the future. A question and answer period followed.

Mrs. Gallaher installed the officers for the coming year. Miss Margaret Field, Chairman, and Miss Azilda Evans, Recording Secretary, are continuing in their present offices. Mrs. Louis McClung is the new Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

Miss Field announced the formation of a new Guild unit at St. Paul's Church in Harahan. Mrs. Elva B. Huckaby is the president. Our total membership is now 211, a net increase of 10 over last year.

The first executive committee meeting of the new year was held at First Church on June9. We were glad to welcome several new presidents. General plans for the year were discussed, including those for a leadership training program in September and for the annual spiritual life retreat in October.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

Shown at the installation service for Wesleyan Service Guild officers of the Lake Charles District are, left to right: Mrs. Sara Lee Hicks, installing officer; Miss Marie Williams, recording secretary; Miss Grace Lawson; Miss Laura Lynch, chairman of the committee on nominations; and Mrs. Rosa McCullough, district chairman.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Chairman

In May the Spring District meeting was held in Maplewood, with an attendance of about 35. An impressive installation service, "Pencils of the Heart," was led by Mrs. Sara Lee Hicks of Welsh. Officers installed were Rosa McCullough, District Chairman; Marie Williams, Recording Secretary; Nominating Committee Chairman, Laura Lynch. Included in the ceremony was recognition of our outgoing conference officer, Grace Lawson.

"Bookmarks for Missions" were sold, and this added to a special offering made a total of $34.00 which was sent undesignated to missions in honor of Grace.

The fall meeting, scheduled to follow the Conference Guild Committee Meeting in October, will be held in DeQuincy.

Lake Arthur unit has been involved in, and completed, a project in which the parsonage living room furniture was professionally upholstered, and carpets and drapes purchased. This was in addition to cleaning carpets in the church nursery, and voting to purchase a large punch bowl and cups for fellowship hall.

Susie Jones unit (my guild) has a new member – another sister of mine! This may make our guild unique as it makes us have four sisters in the membership.

It was my privelege to install officers in the Susie Jones and the Maye Youngblood units of the local church. This was a distinct pleasure, and I hope to do more next year – if I am invited!!

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Miss Bessie M. Rollo, Chairman

At this time a diligent effort is being made to encourage attendance at the Annual Conference Guild Weekend at Centenary, Shreveport.

On August 25th we will hold a District Executive Committee Meeting at Holiday Inn, Alexandria, at 2:30 P. M., to formulate plans for our new Guild year, which begins September 1st. In addition to the District Officers, the President and Treasurer, both out-going and in-coming of each Guild within the District will be invited to attend this meeting along with the District W.S.C.S. President and District Treasurer. Also on the agenda will be plans in connection with the Alexandria District W.S.G. and First United Methodist Church Guild of Alexandria hostessing the Annual Conference Spring Meeting in March, 1969.

I wish to take this means of thanking the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild for having sent me as a delegate to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah. It was a wonderful experience and my life has been indeed wonderfully enriched.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Mrs. Ella Price, District Chairman

The local units of the Shreveport District handled arrangements for the annual Guild Weekend at Centenary College. Noel Unit was in charge of registration and First Church, Unit 2, was in charge of arrangements.

A most interesting and informative program was the talk given at the district spring meeting by Dr. Walter Lowrey of Centenary College. He spoke on "The History of Louisiana Methodism" and brought out the life and early days, the growth and problems of the early church in their full color.

The annual fall banquet will be held on October 25th; this occasion is proving to be one of the most popular events of the year.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Miss Lillian Kennedy, Chairman

The guilds of the Baton Rouge District are welcoming the newly-organized St. Paul's Methodist Guild of which Mrs. Wayne Robertson is president.

Mrs. Joe L. Rountree, Jr. – Gail – who has just completed her term of office as our District Secretary has moved away from Baton Rouge. Our loss is the Monroe District's gain. Gail's husband has received an appointment from the Louisiana Annual Conference to serve as pastor of the Crew Lake Methodist Church. Our love and prayers go with this young couple as they meet the challenge of a larger service in God's Kingdom.

The Guild at First Methodist Church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. Gilman McConnell who organized, in 1935, the group which became the Wesleyan Service Guild in 1940. Some years ago the Guild honored their founder by adopting the name, The RuthMcConnell Wesleyan Service Guild.

A most successful District Meeting was held on May 19 at the Istrouma Methodist Church. Mrs. C. B. McGowan, president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was guest speaker, and Miss Mildred Evans, Louisiana Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, installed the new officers. Those installed were Miss Lillian Kennedy, District Chairman; Mrs. Beth McKnight, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Gladys Quillan, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. An Honorary Life Membership was presented to Mrs. J. L. Rountree, Jr., retiring District Secretary, and Life Memberships were given to the retiring chairmen of lines of work: Miss Flora Burris, Program Materials and Miss Lillian Kennedy, Supply.

MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. Agnes Miller, Chairman

The Spring Meeting of the Monroe District was held on the twenty-first of April in Lake Providence. Sixty-one members from thirteen Guilds were in attendance. Mrs. Don Wineinger, President of the Monroe District WSCS, presented the changes in structure that were known at the time. A gift to missions was made in memory of Sue Batton, former Conference Secretary. For the second year an award was made for the "Guild Woman of the Year." Helen Owen, recipient of the award last year, made the presentation to Gloria Bennett of First Church, Monroe. Officers for the coming two years, Agnes Miller – Chairman, Gloria Bennet – Recording Secretary, and Dorothy Shell – Chairman of Nominations, were installed by Ruth Guthrie, who briefly reviewed the history of the Guild since its organization in 1940. The meeting was closed with the Breaking of Bread Ceremony, conducted by Rev. Ned Stout.

Plans are under way for the annual meeting at Camp Chemin-A-Haut. The dates have been confirmed for Saturday and Sunday, September 29, 30. Details will be worked out following Guild Weekend at Centenary.

Elizabeth Langford of the Monroe District represented the Conference Guild at the Uniting Conference in Dallas and also attended Guild Weekend at Mount Sequoyah as a delegate for the Conference.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

To Local Vice-Presidents:

It was a real pleasure for me to meet many of you at the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission which was held in July at Centenary College in Shreveport. Through discussion and sharing of ideas, I feel a better understanding of the needs of our area of programing was accomplished.

For you who could not attend the school, copies of the 1968 Constitution and By laws of the Women's Society of Christian Service In The Local Church have been mailed to you. You have noted that only articles pertaining to your office were included. I hope you will study these carefully so that you will feel secure in your office as we begin our new program year in September.

Many of you have shown concern about programs for September through December 1968. Here are some suggestions for programs which you may find helpful: HUMAN RIGHTS, Methodist Woman, April 1968, page 34, and many other pieces of literature on this subject; UNITED NATIONS AND WOMEN; WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN; CHARTER SERVICE, in October; HISTORY OF EUB AND METHODISM; INTRODUCTION OF NEW STRUCTURE AND STUDIES FOR THE YEAR; MUSIC IN THE CHURCH, using the new hymnal and relating the importance of music in worship; ECUMENICITY, Methodist Woman, April 1968, page 32; and STEWARDSHIP, presenting all of life belonging to God – time, talents, gifts, and service.

The following are further resource materials for these programs: World Outlook,Search for Identity, Prayer Calendar for 1968 Ceremonies, The Meaning and Experience of Worship, The Book of Worship, Annual Report of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, The EUB Brethren and Methodism by Charles Parlin, and Stewardship Facts, 1968-69. All of these resources may be ordered from the Service Center. There are many more program resource materials which you will discover as you begin to think about these and other program topics.

I would like to call your attention to the fact that you with the society president are to encourage the Committee on Program to cooperate with the plans of the Council on Ministries, the new Executive Committee of the local church, to enable the society to assume its share of responsibility in the total program of the church.

You will also cooperate with the local church commissions in planning church-wide studies on New Forms of Mission, Southeast Asia, and the Gospel of John. This will be a very rewarding experience for you.

As we begin this new year working together, let us resolve to "Do all the good we can . . . In all the ways we can . . . To all the people we can . . . As long as ever we can." Thus, we will be fulfilling the PURPOSE of the Women's Society of Christian Service. This is our task!

Hilda Rosett
(Mrs. J. F. Rosett)
Vice-President

To Local Society and Guild Treasurers:

Since this is being written before the School of Christian Mission, this will be my first greeting to you as your Conference Treasurer. I hope what I have for you in this communication will be of interest to you as your Society and Guild starts its new year of work.

The new fiscal year for Society and Guild will be the calendar year to begin January 1 and end December 31.

The Society and Guild will have a seven months period beginning June 1 1968 and ending December 31, 1968. This means report time for the local Treasurer will be July, October, and December, 1968. New treasurer's report blanks will be sent out in January 1969.

The 1969 Fiscal Year for all Societies and Guild will begin January 1, 1969.

All Societies and Guilds will, in the spring of 1969 have an opportunity to make a pledge for the seven months period June 1, 1969 thru December 31, 1969. (Thus all Societies and Guilds will be completing pledge payments and ending 1969 fiscal year at the same time.)

Gifts from local Societies and Guilds for the support of missionaries, deaconesses, and all programs of the General Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church are sent through the district and conference channels of the Women's Society to the Women's Division treasurer.

The Pledge to Missions is the basic support for the mission program. It is completely voluntary and wholly undesignated. It is the amount you and I of the local Society promise to pay within the fiscal year to undergird the support of the Women's Division. It is the foundation on which the Division assumes financial responsibility for appropriations in the Division and other programs of the General Board of Mission.

The following special emphases are included in the Pledge to Mission: Monthly offering, Missionary Support, Gifts as Result of Study, Lenten Offerings, Love Offerings, Former Cash for Supply work and Budgeted Supplementary Gifts.

The following types of givings receive pledge credit but are not included in the Pledge to Mission made by the local group: Special Membership, A Gift to Mission, In Remembrance Gifts, Memorial Gifts, My World Bank and Thank Offering.

The Pledge to Missions and other givings are so vital to the various projects, missionaries, deaconesses and other programs of the Women's Division let us not slack in this part of the great work we are engaged in.

If you have any questions relating to the treasurer's work please contact your district treasurer or me and give us an opportunity to be of service to you.

Mary Ellen Gardner
(Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner)
Treasurer

To Local Secretaries:

Isn't it exciting to be a member of the Women's Socity of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild when changes are being made and new structure is taking place? What a thrill to be the officer who will record all the events that are making history in the Women's Society!

Plans for the Charter Service in each local society in October are on the calendar. It is our privilege, as secretaries, to record minutes of this historical occasion. Those who serve on committees, others who participate on the program, and a list of charter members will be interesting data for future reference.

Our office is so important that it is necessary that we become familiar with the procedures and materials that will assist us in performing our duties. The new 1968 Constitution and and the Handbook will soon be off the press. These may be ordered from the Service Center. We recommend both of these for study and resource.

Accurate minutes of all meetings, including the Executive Committee and the Administrative meetings, with the date, place, the kind of meeting, and the name of the person presiding, are important. Keep a permanent record of the minutes. They are the official records and the final authority after approval. Accurate words of a motion and the name of the person making the motion are pertinent. The secretary is custodian of all official papers and records of the society and shall care for the correspondence of the society as directed.

The secretary shall sign, with the president, all official papers and orders on the treasury. The president depends on her to assist in sending the Evaluation Reports to the district; to call attention to the items of business which need to be considered at the regular and Executive Committee meetings and to report the recommendations of the Executive and Administrative Committees to the society.

At the time of election the secretary shall send to the District Secretary the names and addresses of the officers elected by the local society.

In a society with minimum structure the secretary shall make a study of the program materials approved by the Women's Division and the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation and promote their use in the society. She shall be responsible for the circulation of response and the World Outlook and for encouraging their use by members of the society. (Response will be the new publication that will replace The Methodist Woman)

As a member of the Committee on Membership she will share in the promotion of membership and attendance. She is also a member of the Committee on Finance.

We, as secretaries, are charged with the responsibility of preparing a history of our society for future use and reference. Let us strive to make it an accurate and interesting one!

"Tootsie" Aycock
(Mrs. L. C. Aycock)
Secretary

CONFERENCE OFFICERS WRITE:

To Local Chairmen of Christian Social Relations:

Dear Friends,

Greetings! Do you feel new? Don't we all! Beginning a new year in a new church with a slightly new name for our organization and for our office, we look forward to a new day for Christian Social Relations.

Since you will be expected to bring to your society suggestions and plans relating to issues in the community and world, you will need to know the major program areas for 1968 and 1969, so that plans can lead to action.

They are:

(1.) Election issues and responsibilities. You will want to register to vote and urge your neighbors to do so. You will need to be informed so as to vote intelligently. You may do this through coffee hours, conversation groups in homes, and Citizenship Brunches.

(2.) The International Year of Human Rights. Recommended: THE GREAT QUESTION, a guide for community action for human rights, from Service Center, 50 cents.

(3.) World understanding, local workshop emphasis.

(4.) Race and the United Methodist Church.

These emphases are all related to each other and to the current study themes: New Forms of Mission and Southeast Asia. Especially during the interim between program books: September, 1968 to January, 1969, you are urged to help promote local workshops on World Understanding with emphasis on the total picture of Human Rights. (See the recent issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN for helpful suggestions). And, since 1968 is presidential election year with primary concern for peace in Southeast Asia, programs and studies on these subjects are timely. Action resulting from these subjects are timely. Action resulting from these programs and workshops should lead to new forms of mission. Then, hopefully, "civil rights" can become Human Rights for all of God's family.

Winnifred Carter
(Mrs. R. E. Carter)
Chairman of Christian Social Relations

To Local Chairmen of Missionary Education:

As we study the newly published Bylaws of the Women's Society, we find that chairmen of missionary education are directed more and more to being informed on the TOTAL CONTEMPORARY MISSION OUTREACH OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Promotion of Missionary studies is one of the chief responsibilities of our office. There will be three studies: 1. Coming to Life – Study of the Gospel of John: 2. New Forms of Mission; and 3. Southeast Asia. Please make every attempt to have all of these church-wide studies in each local church or cooperatively with other church groups in your community – perhaps one in the fall, another a winter study, and another in the spring. We are expected to be flexible in our planning, for our societies vary in size and structure, and there is no one right way.

These guide lines may help you:

(1.) Attend the fall mission study conference in your area or district, or send someone to represent you personally. This will be a carefully planned meeting to aid local churches of all sizes.

(2.) Encourage your members to share the Women's Society mission literature and check with your minister, the chairmen of the Commissions on Missions and Education and teachers in the church school. Youth and children's materials are wonderful for adults, too!

(3.) Help your church keep in active contact personally with at least one missionary, so missions "come alive" and are not just money sent "out there."

(4.) Be alert to cooperative mission planning in your community.

Most of all, let us rededicate ourselves to the announcement of God's Good News as revealed in the New Testament. For if we fail to live in the spirit of His Mission, all the "studies" and all the carefully planned "programs" in the world will be empty and meaningless.

God bless you as you continue in mission.

Mary Helen Bandel
(Mrs. Gilbert Bandel)
Chairman of Missionary Education

To Local Chairmen of Spiritual Growth:

Have you ever become really excited over a "by-law?" "Hummph! That will be the day!" I can hear you now. But don't be too hasty in assuming the new by-law that describes our job as chairmen of the program area for spiritual growth is lifeless print on a page. This is strong stimulant. Sit down for a few minutes with a pencil and some scratch paper and let's have a short workshop right now aimed at letting God speak to us through this new by-law. (You will find it on page 10 of the recently printed 1968 edition of Constitution and Bylaws of the Women's Society of Christian Service, the Wesleyan Service Guild, and Women's Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church.)

It calls first for you, personally, to seek to develop disciplines and to take part in experiences which can strengthen your own spiritual growth and your awareness of the need for Christian commitment.

Now – take a few minutes – and try to list disciplines you need to develop that would strengthen your own spiritual growth. If you have time note, too, some of the problems and difficulties of your busy days that make it so difficult to discipline ones self to do these important things. Next list five experiences that will be available to you in next few months that will strenghten you and sharpen your awareness of your need for committing your life to Christ.

The second paragraph in "our bylaw" deals with your relationship to the Women's Society in your local church. You work through the committee on program, and as they plan program and study, you guide them in including some important experiences which will help women grow in their understanding of:

1. The basic nature of the Christian faith:
2. What it means to live as a Christian in all relationships:
3. What it means to witness with courage in the contemporary world.

(Now – take a few minutes more to list two experiences under each of these points that you feel would be effective in helping the women in your society grow in understanding.)

The bylaw continues, mentioning three other relationships you will have as chairman in this area.

1. You may be designated by your society as liaison person between the society and the local church Commission on Evangelism or to cooperate with the chairman of evangelism if there is no commission;
2. You shall share with other officers in promoting the cooperation of United Methodist women in the program of Church Women United and/or other ecumenical groups;
3. You shall share in reports of the society through the district and the conference to the Women's Division.

This is the bylaw. There are other references to the area of spiritual growth throughout the bylaws, but the essential emphases are all here.

Look at your notes. Has it helped to try to translate the printed words into plans for action? We have a tremendous responsibility, and we need to be continually alert to ways that it may be implemented effectively. Perhaps this needs to be one of our personal disciplines.

It has been good to visit with you.

Coy Howe
(Mrs. John L. Howe)
Chairman of the program area,
for Spiritual Growth

Packets for use with The Call to Prayer, the last week of October, are available now from the Service Center. Each chairman of spiritual growth should send for a packet early so she will have plenty of time to plan for the most effective use of the material in her local society or guild.

A new and very lovely cottage at Mac Donell Methodist Center has been built since last year, using the Call to Prayer funds from 1967. The cottage, named Laskey Cottage in homr of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, will be dedicated on October 20.

To All Secretaries of Program Materials:

(Every society has this officer except where a small core of officers carry responsibilities for the society)

It is a real joy to share the resources, not just one resource – but many resources, with all officers and members of the society and guild. These resources, both printed and audio-visual, are created to assist officers and committees in knowing what their tasks are, keeping abreast of current events which effect their tasks, as well as discovering more effective ways of working in the fulfillment of the Purpose.

You must become acquainted with materials that are available. Your enthusiastic interpretation and promotion will come as you become knowledgeable about; response, the new magazine for United Methodist women (first issue, January, 1969). Every member needs this! The World Outlook, magazine of the Board of Missions, which keeps us informed on ed world missions, is also a valuable resource for every member. The Program Resource Book, The Now Prophets, (Available October, 1968), Annual report of theBoard of Missions, books describing specific work of the National and World Divisions of the Board of Missions in which we share support, together with numerous films, filmstrips, and leaflets, are valuable resources for program and education in each society. There are organizational tools such as the Constitution and By Laws booklet, (this is just off the press and a "must" for every officer), and later there will be handbooks. The list is too long to give all, but use the Service Center Catalog to order materials that will be helpful for your society.

You are a member of the committee on program and assist in program formulation by suggesting and making available resources for specific program emphasis. You will keep alert and informed in an up-to-date fashion concerning the newest resources available.

You are a member of the executive committee and attend the meetings of the society to interpret interesting and challenging ideas from the magazines, by sharing subscriptions.

You have helpful and exciting tools to share! Know them and share them enthusiastically!

Mary Adele Compton
(Mrs. Robert Compton)
Secretary of Program Materials

Program Resource Book – 1969

For Women's Societies of Christian Service
and Wesleyan Service Guilds

The Program Resource Book for 1969, The Now Prophets, comprises eighteen programs, undated and varied in content but all related to the theme The Now Prophets, at home and overseas.

The book is based on the concept that persons, groups, and situations, whether in the church or in society, that call the Christian to repentance and renewal serve as Now Prophets.

Throughout the book, interspersed between the various programs, are selections from J. Elliott Carbett, a Now Prophet who brings the biblical (prophet's) message up-to-date by his own modern innovation of the ancient call to repentance.

Suggestions for ways of weaving this material, along with scriptures, into the total program experience are given.

Program books will be available October, 1968.

4. Days of Discovery by Murder Woods. A report from a "summer resort ministry" where practical suggestions for bringing church services to vacationers (also truck-drivers, fisherman, and others unable to attend Sunday services(were carried out.

5. Understanding Young Adults by Charles Mowry. Young adults think differently, act differently, believe differently – but this doesn't mean that it si bad, On the contrary, they are effecting long overdue reforms, although much remains to be done.

6. Jaime Bravo's Problem by Gerald B. Harvey. A creative approach used by a Bolivian pastor in coming to grips with the problems facing his community.

7. The Now Prophets As Responsible Citizens by Ellen Clark. Christian women must be involved in their local government if they are to make a better country for us to live in.

8. When Christians Are the Minority Group by Hans Aurbakken. In some parts of the world Christians are a minority but they stay in hazardous places because they are needed there. 9. The Search for Development and International Justice by Peggy Billings. Peace in the World is not possible unless the affluent countries help to develop poor countries and insure economic justice for all people.

10. Foundations for Patriotism by Phillip Potter. Unless the affluent countries give the under-developed countries aid in a true Christian spirit, world conflict is inevitable.

11. The Enigma That is China by William Wycoff. A brief survey of China's history sor that we may understand some of the historical reasons for her present-day struggle.

12. What Is a Missionary? Who Is a Missionary by E. Louise Campbell. In considering the work of a missionary in India (in her own words), the answer to both questions are painstakingly answered.

13. A Way of Spelling "Brazil" by Beverly and Eldon Nolte. Here in a glimpse are the country, people and their problems, also the work of Christ as carried on by The United Methodist Church.

14. Voices from South Africa by Martha McKnight. An African miner tells about his life and the people with whom he lives and how the church ministers to the miners.

15. Tea Time in West Pakistan by David A Garrigus. The difficulties facing Christian families in West Pakistan and the practical way the church is involved in helping the people find solutions to their problems.

16. Adventures in Giving by Joyce Sohl. How each individual can find a personal way to give, and by so doing become involved in the mission of the church in the world today.

17. Pledge Service by Emil Paul John. A dynamic worship service built around four missionary stories that help to dramatize the local Christians's involvement in mission.

18. Heritage and Innovation in Worship. A section dealing with worship: looking at symbols, both ancient and modern: and a fresh worship service, prepared by Finley Schaef, growing out of one congregation's study of a meaning of worship.

Correlated Audio-Visual Resource Kit

An audio-visual resource kit including a record of orginal folk music related to the Now Prophet theme, composed and sung by Mim Moore, a young seminary graduate: and a filmstrip featuring some fresh symbols in the form of banners that have been made by local groups as a part of worship. The filmstrip is related to the section Heritage and Innovation in Worship. This kit will be sold separately. Watch The Methodist Woman, The World Evangel, and response for further information, release date and price.

PROGRAM TOPICS FOR USE AS YOU PLAN

Program Topics
January 1969

The Now Prophets at Home and Overseas

1. The Now Prophet As an Agent for Change by Taylor McConnell a prophetic approach to today's world is as essential as it was in biblical days. Specific situations where change is evident are cited.

2. Two in a Tussle by Charles Loveless and Lilburne Theuer. Only when one understands and accepts oneself can one relate to the needs of others.

3. Look What's Happening to Religion by Marjory Wissler. The Old Familiar methods of missionary work are not enourgh in our present dynamic life; we've got to experiment for new ways if we are to keep apace with scientific progress.

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Women's Society Elects New Chairman of Spiritual Growth

Mrs. George Chastain of Lake Charles, is the newly elected chairman of the program area for spiritual growth for the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. George Chastain (Jessie), newly elected chairman of the program area for spiritual growth for the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, has been secretary of Missionary personnel in Lake Charles District as well as secretary of Christian social relations, vice president and a circle leader in her own society at First United Methodist Church in Lake Charles.

It is an interesting coincidence that Mrs. Chastain was elected just at the time of the Call to Prayer and Self Denial. A major recipient of Call to Prayer funds this year is Vashti School in Georgia. Mrs Chastain's mother and her first husband gave the original building, his family home, as a school for homeless girls. It was named Vashti in memory of his mother.

Mrs. Chastain is active in Church Women United, and works in Garden Therapy with a class for handicapped children, which, she says, 'has brought me more undiluted joy than anything I have ever done.'

Daughter of a Methodist minister, Mrs. Chastain was reared in Georgia and graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in journalism.

The Chastains lived for twenty years in New Jersey before coming to Lake Charles where Mr. Chastain is plant manager for Hercules, Inc. They have a son and a daughter and four grandchildren.

Laskey Cottage Dedicated at Mac Donell Center

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey were honored guests at the dedication of Laskey Cottage, named in their honor, at MacDonell Methosdit Center, Sunday, October 20, 1968. Pictures of the Cottage may be found on page 7.

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There has been some confusian about the dates that you receive CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. There is a summer issue, a fall issue, a January issue, and an April issue in each subscription year. No exact date is set for mailing because the times have varied from year to year according to the event or the information the editors wished to promote. We continue to try to narrow the gap between the time news is requested and the time the paper is mailed. The January issue will carry information about the Annual Meetings.

The President's Corner

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Dear Friends,

October was designated as CHARTER MONTH. I do hope that each society and guild has had a Charter Meet ing. In order that each member of the former Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild and of the Women's Society of World Service has an opportunity to sign the CHARTER ROLL of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild the time has been extended to December 31, 1968. All of those who sign the Charter Roll by that date will be con sidered Charter Members. I shall deem it a privileqe to sign the CHARTERS OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETIES and Miss Mildred Evans will sign the Charters of the Wesleyan Service Guild. We do hope that, as you work in a new society and guild, you will feel free to set up special task groups to accomplish the particular projects in which you would like to engage. Let us know of these Task Groups and what they achieve.

The date for reporting in the local Women's Society has been changed. EVALUATION REPORTS WILL BE MAILED TO LOCAL PRESIDENTS SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE THEM IN EARLY DECEMBER. WATCH FOR INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING THESE REPORTS IN THE DECEMBER METHODIST WOMAN. THERE WILL BE A COPY OF THE REPORT SO THAT YOU CAN SEE WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE STATISTICAL REPORT.

Recently Mrs. J.F. Rosett, vice president; Mrs. W.B. Gardner, treasurer; Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, chairman of missionary education and I were privileged to attend THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON 'MISSION RENEWAL', in Dallas, Texas. Members or representatives of the Louisiana Conference also attended. We were asked to read the booklet, THINE IS THE KINGDOM, by James S. Stewart, before going to the conference. He posed the question 'What is the best argument for missions?' Perhaps each generation has stressed a different aspect of the matter. Today, we are challenged as never before to go forth in the Church's missionary enterprise. In this conference we were challenged to examine our motivation for missions. We had the opportunity of listening to addresses by outstanding leaders of the mission program of The United Methodist Church such as Dr. J. Edward Carothers, Miss Theresa Hoover, Dr. Harry Haines, Dr. Tracy Jones and other outstanding speakers. Certainly the great commission, 'Go ye and teach all nations' motivates us to give of our time and our money, but it is not the only thing that motivates us. Dr. Stewart listed three other motives--Compassion, Community and Continuity.

This year the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild have been asked to give freely that the missions which were established as a means of sharing God's love and compassion with all might be effective in this time of rapid and continuing change. It might help us to realize the great need for funds to know that the projects to which we have given through supply work no longer have that extra source of funds. Look at your giving--your pledge to Missions in the Women's Society and Guild. Are you giving as much as you gave last year for pledge and supply work? This amount is greatly needed.

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NINE YOUNG WORKERS SERVE IN THREE MISSION PROJECTS IN LOUISIANA: SAGER BROWN SCHOOL

The call to service can often be answered in one's hometown. Many times, however, the call is to distant places and new surroundings. This is the case with the young women and the couple who are now serving as teachers and houseparents at Sager Brown School, in Baldwin, Louisiana--the school for Negro children owned and operated by the National Division of the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church.

Seated left to right, teachers at Sager Brown School are: Miss Delma Harris, Miss Diane Haney, Miss Sandra Schaefer, and standing, Miss Elizabeth Phelps, and Miss Sue Hicks.

The newest members of the staff are Miss Elizabeth Ann (Tippy) Phelps of Paducah, Kentucky, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Post of Overland Park, Kansas. This year they join Miss Diane Haney of Pennsylvania who is serving her third year as a teacher at Sager Brown and Misses Sue Hicks of Roanoke, Virginia, Delma Harris of Camden, Illinois, and Sandra (Sandy) Schaefer of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, who came to Sager Brown at the beginning of the 1967-68 school term.

Miss Haney has just completed her years of service as a US-2 and is now an employed worker. The other young women are US-2s and received their orientation at Scarritt College for Christian Workers. (The US-2s serve in a project of the National Division within the United States.

All of the teachers are education majors in college but have wide interest and experience in other fields. Miss Phelps has worked with handicapped children and with the 'Upward Bound' program for high school students. Miss Hicks is particularly interested in drama,

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Mrs. McGowan's letter, continued:

God has chosen us, weak as we are, to be an instrument through which He works to carry out His purpose. It is hard sometimes for us to realize that He is working in the midst of all the turmoil and unrest that is in our world today. But surely He is. Let us join in prayer that understanding and peace may come to our world, God's world. Then let us work together to do what we can to make ourselves an instrument of His Peace.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

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and she and Miss Schaefer attended a workshop on educational drama at Scarritt College last summer. Miss Schaefer worked with the migrant workers in Wisconsin, known as the 'pickle pickers' because they work in the cucumber fields. Miss Harris will receive her M.A. degree next summer upon completion of her work.

Mr. Post is a graduate of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, and comes to Sager Brown from a position as assistant editor of a trade publication. He is also a free lance photographer. He serves as a math teacher for the seventh and eighth grades and, with Mrs. Post, is a houseparent in the cottage for 24 small boys between the ages of six and thirteen.

In addition to their teaching, these young people are leaders in clubs and group activities for all the children. Swimming lessons during the summer months proved to be of special interest. 'Reading time ' every evening is a treat fortthe younger children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Post are new houseparents for boys 6 to 13 years old at Sager Brown School in Baldwin. Mr. Post also eaches seventh and eighth grade mathematics.

MACDONELL METHODIST CENTER

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Miss Judith Jensen, a US-2 appointed this year to MacDonell Methodist Center, calls Holland, Michigan home. She graduated from Hope College there this past spring with a degree in English and psychology and a teaching certificate for elementary school and for biology

Miss Jensen is in charge of special services at MacDonell Center. She works as a group worker enriching the lives of the children in care through recreation, field trips, remedial school work, story hour, movies any type of special programming that allows her to help meet the needs of an individual child through the group.

Judy comments that she finds the needs of the children at MacDonell different from the needs of children in the average local church setting. She has been doing a great deal of reading to learn more of the special need of children who must live outside their own homes for a time. Judy is enrolled, along with several of the Mac Donell houseparents, in a course at Tulane University designed to help child-care workers.

Miss Cheryl Humphreys, employed at the Dulac Community Center, is pictured here on MacDonell Campus as she attended the dedication of Laskey Cottage

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Miss Cheryl Humphreys, an employed worker at Dulac Community Center describes herself as 'a farmer's daughter from Max (smaller than Dulac), Nebraska. A graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska, with a degree in sociology; Miss Humphreys decided to get a year or two experience before continuing her study in social work.

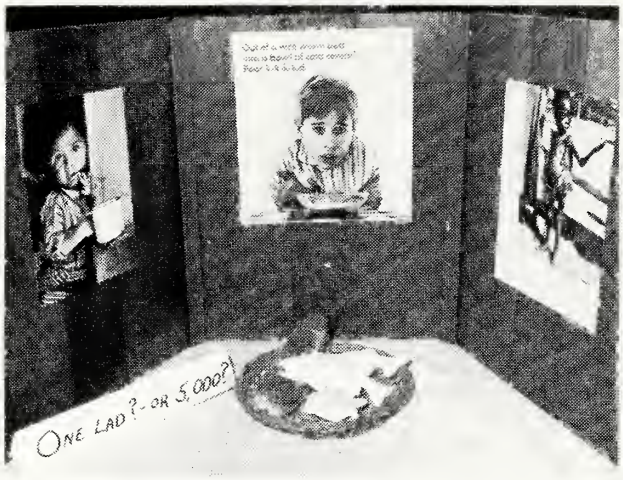
She says of her position at Dulac, 'It calls for almost anything: bus driver, kindergarten teacher, group worker, caseworker and work with various church groups in my 'spare time.' Cheryl especially enjoys her home visits for kindergarten. She likes working with families and children and says, 'I feel the most satisfying thing a person can do is to help others and to let them know that you do care.'

Miss Humphreys worked two summers in a day care center related to a Spanish migrant workers camp in California. She comments that her two years of college German haven't helped at all with her experiences in French and Spanish speaking communities.

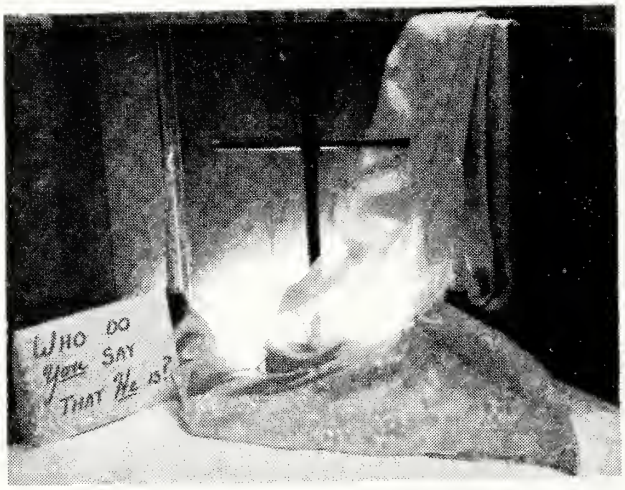
Miss Judith Jensen, a US-2, has been appointed to MacDonell Methodist Center in charge of special services with the children there. A US-2 is a special term worker serving in the United States with the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church.

The Why, When, and How of Interest Settings

By Coy Payne Howe



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN--15: 1-7



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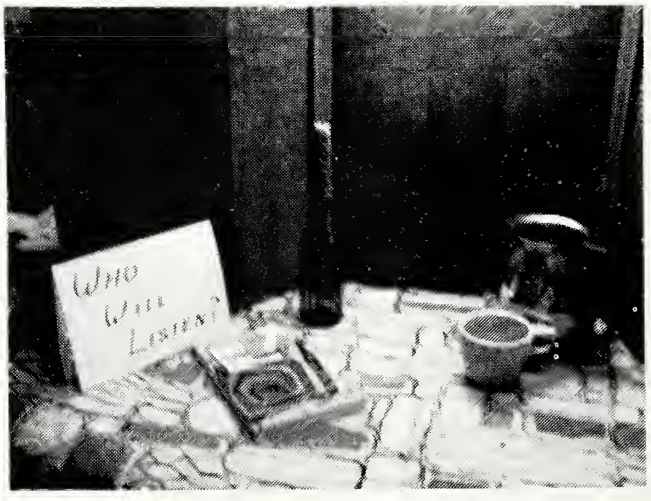

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 13: 1-17

Pictured on these pages are six interest settings used this summer at the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. Each relates to one or more of three topics for study: Southeast Asia, New Forms of Mission, and the Gospel of John.

The purpose of an interest setting is to say something the artist wants to say. It also arrouses the viewer's concern in the meaning expressed in the setting. A poet, novelist, painter, or sculptor expresses truth as he sees it and in doing so involves the viewer (or reader) in the issues at conflict in the work of art. Interest settings are an art form and the medium used is 'arrangement'. The artist arranges various objects and symbols until the completed'picture-in-three-dimensions' expresses the thing she wants to say. This form of artistic expression can be enjoyed by many women who may not feel at home as poets or painters.

There are three steps to creating effective interest settings:

1. STUDY. Have something worthwhile to say. Do not just pick a theme at random and try to illustrate it. Study, pray, and listen. Then create a setting that expresses to you some truth you have found in your study. Your completed setting invites the viewer to stand with you and to look at this truth you have discovered and expressed.

2. KEEP IT SIMPLE. You don't need to develop every facet of your idea in one setting. Just as a simple statement is better than a long involved explanation, so a setting should leave something for the viewer to think through for himself.

3. USE INTEREST SETTINGS SPARINGLY and at the right times. Interest settings are visual teaching devices. They should not be used as 'worship centers'. God is the only center of worship. The phrase, 'worship setting', is a misnomer when it refers to the settings we are discussing here. The worship setting includes all that is done to create an atmosphere condusive to worship--the music, lighting, room, place on the program,--et. al. The worship setting may be enhanced by an arrangement, but it should blend quietly with the whole preparation for worship and should not be something that pulls the viewer out of the group or distracts him from corporate worship. Appropriate arrangements for use with worship include flowers or simple arrangements of symbols that have universal meaning in worship-such as a loaf, a chalice, the cross, or candles.

An interest setting should be used when there is some good reason for involving the viewer in the point illustrated. It should be placed somewhere that allows him time to consider it. If its message ties directly to the purpose of a class session, set it up in the classroom to be considered as students arrive. If it is related to an overall theme, put it on campus--or in a hallway where students will pass it frequently.

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Lighting must be effective and the background should be 'quiet'.

There are many types of interest settings. Bulletin boards, posters, a picture on a stand, might all be included. But the three dimensional setting has a particular power to involve the viewer. Some device, such as a double or triple board used as a backstop, is needed to center the viewer's attention. In the settings pictured three pieces of wall paneling (left over from a room paneling project) were cut to 18 x 20 inches and hinged together with strips of canvass glued down the back. Upholstery plastic may be used as well as canvas. This type hinge is inexpensive and allows the backstop to be easily folded and stored. Strips of quarter-round propped in the corners with masking tape or plasti-tac give a finished appearance.

A wall may be used as backstop if a map, picture, posterboard, or other device is used to center attention. An effective interest setting used at an annual meeting was a table set in front of a map on the wall. Ribbons extended from countries on the map to pictures of missionaries who served in those countries--on the table.

Props for the settings pictured are inexpensive. The cross is two sticks tied together with twine. Candle sticks were turned on a lathe by a high school boy as a woodworking project. A board with holes bored in it can be used just as well. The fish and basin are molded of plaster-of-Paris. The fish mold came from a craft shop. The mold used for the basin was a plastic washpan turned upside down. A plastic net orange bag was imbedded in the plaster to give it added strength.

Lettering here is written free hand on a folded piece of construction paper. It could be drawn with stencils available in stationery stores and cut out.

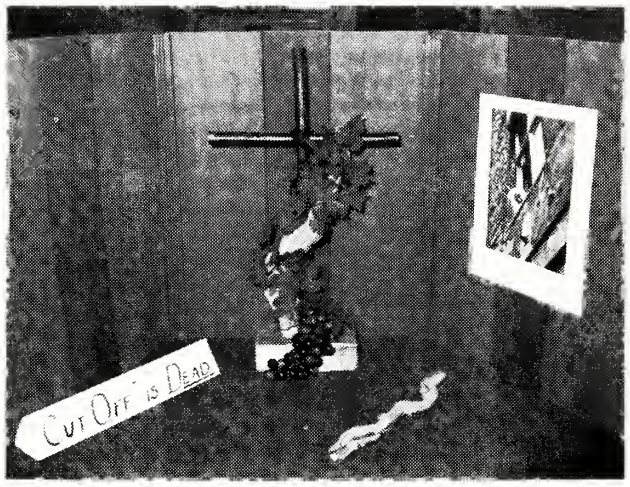
Drapery softens the background and contrasts objects set on the table. Inexpensive pieces are available from mill-end shops or on remnant counters.

Interest settings are an effective teaching device with either children or adults. The teacher may assemble the setting for the class to view, or she may suggest that class members express some meaningful point in their study in this way.

Remember:

1. Have something worthwhile to say.
2. Keep it simple.
3. Use it sparingly--at a time when it has special meaning and the viewer has time to consider it.
4. Enjoy yourself. This is a wonderful form of self-expression.

Mrs. John Howe, former Louisiana Conference chairman of the program area for spiritual growth, has been elected to the care planning group of the South Central Jurisdiction Society-Guild as a member-at-large.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 6: 3-13

(The Gospel According to Matthew 16: 13-17)
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 21: 9-17

NEW FORMS OF MISSION

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
DISTRICT NEWS

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Lillian Kennedy, District Chairman

The Franklinton Guild of which Mrs. Rheuble S. Smith is president served as hostess for our District Meeting on September 22. Rev. Jerry Means was host pastor. Speakers at the meeting were Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and member of the Conference Guild Committee, and Mrs. John Nelson, treasurer, Baton Rouge District Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. Goals were set for the year and preliminary plans were made for a Citizenship Luncheon to be held at Bogalusa in January and for a district retreat at Camp Istrouma next spring. The Sara Wadsworth Guild and the Doris Crichlow Guild will be co-hostesses for the Citizenship Luncheon.

Charter Month was observed throughout the District this October. Emphasis is being placed on gaining new members for the Wesleyan Service Guild. A new Guild is being organized at the Francis Asbury Methodist Church bringing the total of Guild units in the district to fifteen.

The Guilds of the immediate Baton Rouge area had a dinner meeting in early September at which Miss Elma Ashby, our missionary nurse from Salisbury, Rhodesia, was our special guest. Miss Ashby told of her work as a teacher of nurses and of the various facets of the services rendered by the hospital. Miss Ashby used slides to illustrate the work of the hospital staff and to show the beauty of the African scenery.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Chairman

The best news we have to report is the organization of a new unit in Roanoke. On October 13 the following officers were elected: Mrs. Barbara Sockrider, president; Mrs. Frances McCarty, vice-president; Mrs. OllieTietje, recording secretary; Mrs. Bea Ferguson, treasurer; and Mrs. Donna Daniel, chiarman of the nominating committee. There is no Women's Society in this church, so there is no coordinator.

On that date, also, the Guild was chartered and had its Service of Celebration. We welcome this new group into the work and fellowship of our district and conference Wesleyan Service Guild and wish them the best of luck and the blessings of our Lord.

Our fall meeting was held on October 6 in DeQuincy. There was good attendance - representation from eleven of the twelve units. I left all of my notes at home, but this turned out to be an asset, because it s as necessary for everyone to participate. The questions that were asked helped me remember what I had planned to say, and it was the best meeting we ever had.

Everyone is deep in plans for charter services and for observation of Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. All should be completed by the end of the month.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Hermine Tate, Chairman

Fifty percent of the Guilds were represented at Guild Week End, and 100 percent were represented at our spring district meeting.

Abbeville reports they raised over $1500 for local church activities and feel the work helped strengthen their Guild. Their September attendance showed a great increase, and those attending Guild Week End were greatly impressed.

Houma's report was in the form of a scrap book containing news articles, which adequately covered their activities of the year.

Asbury Guild supplies our district chairman of Missionary Education; New Iberia Guild our Spiritual Life chairman and Crowley Guild our chairman of Christian Social Concerns.

First Church Lafayette is hosting the district fall coaching conference October 27.

Lillian Soileau, Opelousas Guild and Vera Williams, New Iberia, are acting district chairman and district recording secretary. We appreciate the work of both of these Guilders.

May I take this opportunity to thank my many Guild friends for your cards, letters, and prayers. I expect to be out of the wheel chair in the very near future.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Margaret M. Field, Chairman

The most exciting event of the year was our first integrated meeting, a leadership training session held on September 15 at Munholland Church. The total attendance was 65, with 21 from Conference B. The District Chairman discussed the recent changes in Guild structure, especially those that have been clarified since the spring meeting. Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, Mrs. Mary Helen Craig, Conference B Chairman, and Mrs. Owinda Taplette, former Secretary of the Central Jurisdiction Guild, participated in the program. A good representation also participated with questions and comments. A very pleasant social hour followed.

The next important date on our calendar is the annual spiritual life retreat, to be held October 26-27 at the Seashore Methodist Assembly in Biloxi. Mrs. Grace Pfister is the general chairman and Mrs. George W. Pomeroy the leader.

The fall program is now under way, with the local Guild units generally using the Service of Celebration prepared by The United Methodist Church for Charter Month. The District Chairman is continuing her rounds of the local unit meetings and is finding them interesting and rewarding.

RUSTON DISTRICT

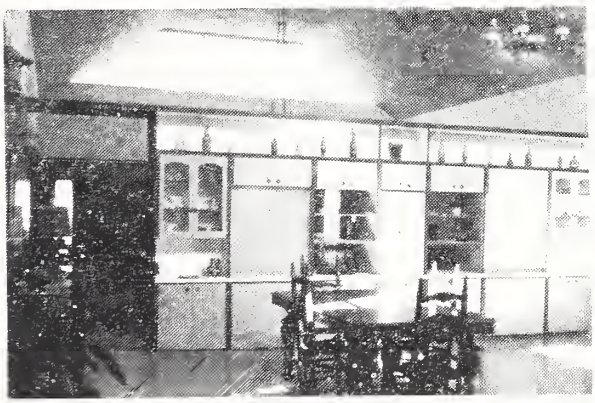
Mrs. R. M. Steere, Chairman

The Ruston District Fall Coaching Conference was held on Sunday afternoon, October 20, in Farmerville. The devotional was given by the local president, Mrs. Miller Booth, with a solo by Mrs. David Corley. The program was given in the form of a skit, 'The New Me,' which was presented by six members from five different Guild units. The skit set forth the duties of the various officers and pointed up the changes in the new structure Duplicated material was on hand for each Guild. There were 35 members present, representing nine of the 11 units in the District.

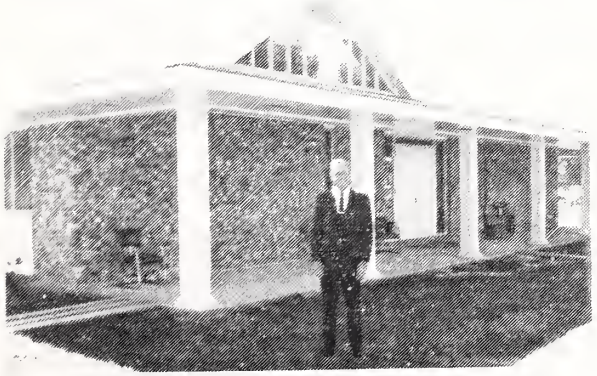
In line with the new thinking in the Wesleyan Service Guild, the new Bennett Steere Guild of Trinity, Ruston, checked the community and church for a need which is not now being met. From among those found, they have chosen to work with the patients in the four local nursing homes of Ruston, giving special attention to them on birthdays. holidays, etc., as well as taking an interest in them in little every day ways.

The Jonesboro Guild has made a special and generous 'In Honor' gift designated for the Lydia Patterson Institute. This gift is honoring Mrs. John C. Michaud, who served the Guild for many years as their coordinator, indicating their love and appreciation of her and recognition of her loyal service.

LASKEY COTTAGE



An interior view of Loskey Cottoge showing the dining orea



Fred Dovis, president of the Boord of Directors of MocDonell Methodist Center, stands in front of Laskey Cottage. Note the interesting use of glass ot the goble.

Wesleyan Service Guild

Old-Timers Get-Together

The weekend of October 11-13 was cool, delightful, perfect autumn weather when some thirty-five Guild members and four children converged on Camp Brewer for an 'old-timers'' get-together.

Dr. John Kilpatrick very graciously opened the facilities and provided for the comforts of the group. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Howse assisted by two cooks saw that no one went away hungry. The quality and quantity of the food certainly has not diminished in the interim of former camp days.

The indoor facilities in the cabins (which were great innovations over bygone days) were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. In fact, the group was so pleased with the addition of showers, etc., that the price of one shower unit was provided for by the group as a parting gift.

Guilders came from as far away as Tallahassee, Florida, as Miss Lillian Gaines, a former New Orleans Guild member started her vacation in order to be among those attending. She was joined on Sunday by her mother and her sister Carolyn as they continued on their vacations to other spots of interest farther north.

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. MacArthur, former camp caretakers were the guests of the group on Saturday evening and shared the evening meal. As an expression of love and appreciation they were presented a monetary gift by the group. It was sixteen years ago on October 11, that the MacArthurs first came to Brewer.

There was no planned program; things just sort of happened. However, the group went on record as wanting another of the same type of meeting next year, preferably the first weekend in October. Miss Dorothy Dunbar was unanimously elected General Chairman and Miss Elizabeth Langford Business Manager.

An appropriate meditation was brought to the group Saturday evening by Mrs. Helen A. Preston. The Morning Watch conducted by Miss Elizabeth Langford was on the order of a memorial service at which time the names of dear departed Guild members, who had always enjoyed Camp Brewer, were eulogized by different ones of the group. The closing meditation was given by Miss Fannie Burch, who is known and loved by not only Guild persons but by many far and near.

It was agreed by everyone to have been a most successful weekend and certainly a most relaxing one. Everyone was a little reluctant to say their 'goodbyes.'

Minza Rabun, Reporter.

The Chairman's Corner

Dear Guilders:

As of June 1, 1968 we entered into a new era in the life and work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Since activity under the revised constitution and bylaws and the new structure has just begun we will be experimenting, perhaps for many months, but we feel that the challenge and opportunity for richer experiences is worth the effort.

Under the new structure we have flexibility in our program and freedom to choose our areas of activity. We hope all of you will find opportunity for involvement in many activities and set up Task Groups to work for the successful implementation of your plans.

The Guild pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN for the months of July-August, September, and October will help you greatly as you move into the work under the new structure. The articles also have suggestions for areas of activities and involvement for local units.

We welcome into our membership three new units presently sharing the Elizabeth Langford award. Charters were presented to the following at our Annual Guild Weekend: Baton Rouge District, St. Paul's, Mrs. Wayne Robertson, President; New Orleans District, St. Paul's in Harahan, Mrs. Elva B. Huckaby, President; Ruston District, Bennett Steere Unit of Trinity Church in Ruston, Mrs. Fred Barr, President. At the Mid-year meeting of the Committee of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild we were advised that the members of the Women's Society of the former E.U.B. Church at Roanoke in the Lake Charles District were organized as a Wesleyan Service Guild. Their president is Mrs. Barbara Sockrider. We extend a welcome to this newest unit and pray that the four units will grow and increase and find many opportunities for service.

The Task Group for the Annual Meeting Program worked diligently to bring you an interesting and spiritually uplifting program when we meet in Alexandria next March 14-16 at the new church of the First United Methodist Church. We hope all of you will make every effort to be there.

We would like to remind each District that at our Guild Weekend the members voted to begin working with the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana Conference B in order to bring about an amicable merger of the Guilds of Louisiana Conferences A and B in 1972. Miss Margaret Field was elected chairman of this Task Group consisting of all District Chairmen. We hope that this action will have your full cooperation.

We are deeply appreciative of the loyalty and efforts of all of you, particularly of the District Chairmen. We strongly urge them to keep up their good work as we move into the changed structure and to continue their efforts for more new units, increased membership, and meeting the pledge to missions.

With love,

Mildred Evans
Conference Chairman

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Miss Bessie M. Rollo, Chairman

September 22, the Natchitoches Guild was host for our Coaching Conference. There was reasonably good attendance. Everyone seemed most anxious to learn about the new structure. At the conclusion of the meeting, a delightful social period was enjoyed by all.

At the present time emphasis is being placed on new District Officers for election next spring. All Guilds in the District have been asked to submit names and recommendations to the District Chairman of Committee on Nominations, Mrs. Clyde Vienne of Natchitoches.

Since the Alexandria District will host the Conference Spring Meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Alexandria, much planning, appointment of committees, etc., is well under way.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Ella Price, District Chairman

During the month of October all units are busy preparing for the Annual District Banquet October 25 at Broadmoor Methodist Church. Our guest speaker will be Princess Katherine Cardja from Rumania. The Mansfield Unit will be in charge of an old fashioned 'Sing-a-Long' at this meeting.

All local units are engaged in Charter Services, some units holding combined meetings with the Women's Society.

The District Executive Committee will meet in February to plan our spring meeting at Camp Forbing in April.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Emily Stalhart in the loss of her husband.

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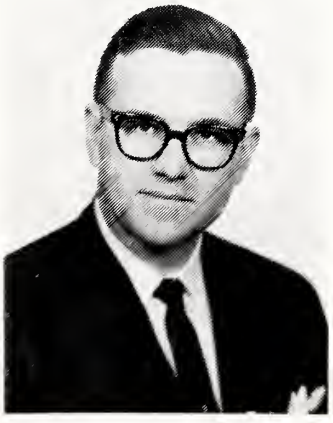
MRS. GLENN E. LASKEY

In July, 1968, two important leaders missed the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission because they were attending the quadrennial meeting of the World Council of Churches in Uppsala, Sweden.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn will bring a dialogue from Uppsala to the Annual Meeting of the Women's Society, Thursday evening, March 13.

Mrs. Laskey, immediate past president of the Women's Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church has recently been elected to the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Hearn, a member of Louisiana Conference and chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Christian Social Concdrns, is Executive Director of the Council of Churches for the Fort Worth area in Texas.



DR. J. WOODROW HEARN

Annual Meetings- Centrally Located in Alexandria- Feature Outstanding Speakers

MISS DOROTHY MC CONNELL

Miss Dorothy McConnell will address the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society on Wednesday evening, March 12, at 7:45 and again on Thursday morning, March 13. She speaks from a background of rich experience.

Miss McConnell is a member of the International Division of the National Board of the Y.W.C.A., a member of the executive body of the World Methodist Council, where she serves on the program committee, and a member of COCU as well as a number of other ecumenical groups.

She is the author of several volumes of stories for children, and has, in the course of her work, traveled in all parts of the world. She covered the Second Vatican Council in Rome as a reporter.

Miss McConnell has served the Church as editor of World Service News, as a social worker at the Church of All Nations, New York City, from 1940-1964 as an editor of WORLD OUTLOOK, and from 1964-1968 as Associate General-Secretary of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Louisiana Conference A
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA
March 12-13-14, 1969

'WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU BUT TO DO JUSTICE, AND TO LOVE KINDNESS,

AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD? Micah 6:8

Wednesday, March 12

2:00 –

Organ Prelude
The Celebration
of Holy Communion — Dr. Ben Oliphint, officiating

Fellowship in the Garden-Patio

3:10 –

Convening of the
First Annual Meeting — Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Welcome and Introductions — Mrs. C. E. Ewing, Jr.
Presentation of the Program — Mrs. Gilbert Bandel
Business
Hymn

Answering the Requirement
By Doing, Loving, Walking in Service
Panel of Young Women Serving in Louisiana

Koinonia

6:30 –

Dinner — First United Methodist Church
Mrs. J. F. Rosett, presiding

7:45

Organ Prelude
Scripture and Prayer
Special Music
Address — Miss Dorothy McConnell
Evening Prayers

Thursday, March 13

8:45 –

Organ Prelude
Hymns of Praise
Morning Prayers
Business
Address — Miss Dorothy McConnell
Intermission
Hymn
President's Message — Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Pledge Service — Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Noon Meditation

12:30 –

Lunch — First United Methodist Church
Mrs. R. E. Carter, presiding

2:00 –

Organ Prelude
Hymn
"What Does the Lord Require?" — The Districts Respond
Presentation of Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation
"Human Need and Social Justice" — Dr. Sarah Frances Anders, Moderator

6:30 –

Dinner — First United Methodist Church

7:45 –

Organ Prelude
Hymn
Scripture and Prayer
Offering
Special Music
"Behold, I Make All Things New" — Dialogue from Uppsala
Mrs. Glenn Laskey and Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn
Evening Prayers

Friday, March 14

8:45 –

Organ Prelude
Hymns of Praise
Morning Prayers
Report of the Wesleyan
Service Guild — Miss Mildred Evans
Business
Panel of Women
from St. Gabriel — Elayne Hunt, Attorney, Moderator
Closing Service
Adjournment

Women's Society

Program Notes

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO PLAN FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

From 'The Golden Age of Hebrew Prophecy' - the Eighth Century before Christ - to the present age, members of the Judaeo-Christian faith have been confronted with the question, 'What does the Lord require of you?' We ask for ourselves; we ask for each other; we seek direction as individuals and in community.

This is the theme for the Annual Meeting, March 12-14, 1969.

The entire program is being designed to give opportunity for our guest speakers, our delegates and visitors to work out answers for United Methodist women of Louisiana. We ask you - each of you - to bring your thoughts, your ideas and ideals, your plans and dreams, and to share them. You will be given opportunity to become well acquainted with a very small group and also to question some of our speakers.

The Wednesday afternoon session starts a few minutes later than usual so those coming from out of town will have time to get settled in hotels or motels before two o'clock, then plan to stay at the church through the evening session.

During the opening worship service, Dr. Oliphint, our host minister, will explain the rich symbolism of the beautiful new church at Alexandria, and then officiate at Holy Communion. As part of this celebration we will be given an opportunity to present an offering to mission. It is hoped that as preparation for coming, you will make some real, personal sacrifice so your offering will be a truly sacrificial gift.

As you look over the program outline, you will see the areas of local church, district, conference, national and world mission.

We are so happy to have Miss Dorothy McConnell, who recently retired as chief executive of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, to speak to us on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Miss McConnell, the daughter of the late Bishop and Mrs. Francis J. McConnell was former editor of WORLD OUTLOOK and has traveled widely to conferences and churches in all parts of the world.

Our own Mrs. Glenn Laskey and Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn will bring us a message from the recent meeting of the World Council of Churches in Uppsala, Sweden.

Dr. Sarah Frances Anders, chairman of the department of sociology at Louisiana College will be the moderator for a panel discussion on Thursday afternoon.

We will hear from a trio of young women serving at our institutions in Louisiana - something of their ideas and ideals as they seek an answer to Micah's question.

On Friday morning Miss Elayn Hunt, Baton Rouge attorney, will present a panel of women from the prison at St. Gabriel. They have a challenging message that women of Louisiana need to hear.

On Thursday morning, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, our conference president, will bring us her message. Other highlights will be the report of the district presidents and the pledge service conducted by Mrs. W.B. Gardner.

The committee on program hopes and prays that these days at Annual Meeting will be rewarding for all of us as we think through, 'What does the LORD require?'

Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Chairman
Committee on Program

A WELCOME FROM ALEXANDRIA:

Members of the hostess committee planning for the Annual Meeting of the Women's Society are, left to right, Mrs. J.E. McCampbell, co-chairman for District Activities; Mrs. Paul M. Davis, Jr., General Chairman; and Mrs. C.E. Ewing Jr., President of the Women's Society of First United Methodist Church, Alexandria.

'What does the Lord require of you?' With that exciting question as the theme of the 1969 Annual Meeting of the Women's Society, we in Alexandria First United Methodist Church are looking forward to meeting all of you and to searching for the answer together.

Being in the heart of Louisiana, we are hoping that this meeting will have the largest registration on record. We are honored to be hostess for the first Annual Meeting since signing the charter with the women of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and we are buzzing with plans to entertain you in our beautiful new church.

In the meanwhile, in preparation for the conference, each Women's Society member could ask herself, 'What does the Lord require of me?'

Mary Frances Ewing, President
Women's Society of Christian Service
First United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Louisiana

Price of Meals During Annual Meeting:

Wednesday Dinner	*$2.50*
Thursday Lunch	*1.50*
Thursday Dinner	*2.50*

Information about ordering meal tickets ahead of the meeting will be given in the 'Call Letter' received by each society president in January.

What Does the Lord Require of You?

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

First United Methodist Church Alexandria, Louisiana

March 14-16, 1969

Friday, March 14, 1969

Headquarters – Ramada Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana

5:00 P.M. – Registration — Lobby

8:00 P.M. – Conference Guild Committee Meeting — Suite "A"

Saturday, March 15, 1969

8:00 A.M. – Conference Guild Committee Breakfast and Meeting — Azalea Room

9:00 A.M. – Registration — Lobby

10:00 A.M. – District Chairman Meeting — First United Methodist Church

12:00 Noon – Registration Continued — First United Methodist Church

AFTERNOON SESSION

First United Methodist Church

1:00 P.M. Prelude

Theme Hymn – "Go Make of All Disciples" No. 342

Convening of Eighteenth Annual Meeting — Miss Mildred Evans

Welcome: — Miss Marie Pace and Mrs. R.W. Kelley, Presidents of Local Wesleyan Service Guilds

Welcome Address: — Dr. Ben. Oliphint, Pastor First United Methodist Church

Presentation of Program — Mrs. Rosa McCullough

Report of Recording Secretary — Mrs. Daisy Bergeron

Appointment of Committees

Announcements

Address

Pledge Service — Mrs. W.B. Gardner

EVENING SESSION

6:00 P.M. – Banquet — Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church

Presiding — Miss Mildred Evans

Invocation — Rev. Gilbert Wade, Jr., Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church

Introductions

Entertainment — Rev. John Kilpatrick

Closing Session — Sanctuary

Prelude

Guild Hymn

Address — Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Executive Director, Fort Worth Area Council of Churches

Holy Communion

Sunday, March 16, 1969

BREAKFAST "ON YOUR OWN"

8:30 A.M. – Business Session — Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church

Presiding — Miss Mildred Evans

Order of Business

Report of Christian Service Times — Miss Marilyn Carter

Report of Conference Chairman — Miss Mildred Evans

Theme Hymn – "Go Make of All Disciples" No. 342

Benediction

Adjournment

10:45 A.M. – Worship Service — First United Methodist Church

GUILD PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Rosa McCullough of DeRidder is program chairman for the Eighteenth Annual Spring Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild meeting March 14-16, 1969 at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Rosa, Lake Charles District Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, is a member of First United Methodist Church in DeRidder. She has served in her church on the commission of education and as a church school teacher. A member of the Susie Jones Unit of the Guild since 1952, she has served in every office except treasurer and served in the district as chairman of spiritual life cultivation, of missionary education, and as recording secretary bdfore her election as District Chairman.

Mrs. McCullough is a civil service employee at Fort Polk where she is a clerk in the Medical Supply Office of the U.S. Army Hospital.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Bessie M. Rollo, Chairman

At this writing, it is the Holy Season of Christmas and throughout the District, Guilds are having special programs and lovely parties, in many instances jointly with the Women's Society of Christian Service. This unity of action as well as unity of purpose is stimulating.

The Alexandria District takes this opportunity to project the Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild to be held March 14-16, 1969 at the First United Methodist Church in Alexandria. We wopld like for the attendance at this meeting to be the largest ever. Much effort is going into its planning to make it well worth your effort. So, begin now making plans to attend.

The Chairman's Corner

Dear Guilders:

During the past month we were saddened by the death of our immediate past Conference Recording Secretary, Miss Maree White, after a brief illness. The loss of Maree is felt not only in her district, but throughout the conference. Her quiet dignity and beautiful spirit, together with her willingness to help wherever needed, was known to all of us, and most of all by her closest friends and those associated with her in the work of the Guild. Maree's death leaves a void that will be hard to fill.

The weekend of December 6-8 your Chairman was in New York attending the Guild Orientation for Conference Chairmen planned by the Women's Division Guild Committee and Women's Division Staff. The meeting opened at 8:00 P.M. on Friday and closed at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday. We were divided into eight groups with twelve people and a leader in each group. The discussions and work in each group varied, but on Sunday, forenoon and afternoon, when each group summarized its work for the entire meeting, it was not too surprising to learn that the principle thinking and discussions, in each group, were concerned with the following:

1. The need for a Guild. Why do we have a Guild? What is its purpose and function?
2. The Guild under the new and changed structure. Can it continue to work and survive under the new structure?
3. Task groups. What tasks should we work with and how is this decided?
4. Meetings. What kind of meetings should the Guild Committee plan?
5. Our interest in persons as prospects for membership. Do we ostracize those who are not teachers, white collar workers, or professional people?

Special resource persons speaking to the entire meeting during the weekend were: Reverend Randle B. Dew, Executive Secretary, Voluntary Services, National Division, Board of Missions; Miss Mona Kewish, Assistant General Secretary, Joint Services, National Division, Board of Missions; Dr. Robert F. Lundy, functional Executive Secretary, Laity Abroad and Furloughed Missionary Relationships, World Division, Board of Missions; Miss Minnie Stein, Secretary, Legislative Affairs and Welfare, Women's Division, Board of Missions.

Miss Florence Little, Assistant Treasurer, Section of Finance, Women's Division, Board of Missions, spoke to the meeting on finances, discussing the types of giving for the Guild, the budget for the local Guild, and the pledge due to change to the calendar year.

We were introduced to new forms of worship through closing worship services on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon.

As an added and unexpected surprise, on Sunday morning, Miss Leontine Price, the well known opera star and a Methodist, was introduced to the group.

Now, a word about our Annual Spring Meeting, March 14-16, 1969, at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana. An outline of the program for the meeting will be found elsewhere in this issue. Under the guidance of Miss Bessie Rollo, Alexandria District is working extremely hard to help make this an excellent meeting. But without your presence at the meeting all of the hard work and planning of your Guild Committee Program Chairman, and the Alexandria District, is for nought. Won't you help make this meeting a success by planning now to be in Alexandria, March 14-16, 1969?

With love,

Mildred Evans
Conference Chairman

In Loving Memory

MISS MAREE WHITE

Miss Maree White, immediate past recording secretary of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild passed away in New Orleans in late December after a brief illness.

She taught senior high school in Opelousas, Louisiana, her home, and was a member of the Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church there.

Maree served through her local Guild in most offices and was District Secretary of the Lafayette District Wesleyan Service Guild for four years. She was elected Conference recording secretary in July, 1963 and served through May, 1968.

Friends who were with Maree during her illness in December became aware of how much she was loved by her students as well as by fellow Guilders and friends as many expressions of love and concern were brought to her hospital room.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Hermine Tate, Chairman

We are deeply saddened over the loss of our dear friend, Maree White. She will be greatly missed by Guilders throughout the Conference, and especially by those in her own District. Yet through Maree's dedication to Guild work, and the influence she had in leading others into the work she will be long remembered.

The progress reports observed at our fall coaching conference were excellent. The many changes in the structure wtill prove to be stimulating, and from all indications the district will meet its mid-year pledge to missions in due time.

I am grateful to Lillian Soileau, Opelousas Guild, and to Vera Williams, New Iberia Guild, for taking over the duties as district chairman during my six month recuperation period.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The President's Corner

'When winter comes can spring be far behind?' With spring comes the first Annual Meeting of The Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service of the United Methodist Church. This important meeting will be held in the beautiful new First United Methodist Church in Alexandria on March 12, 13, and 14th. This is an invi tation to each of you to attend the meeting. A program of information, inspiration and challenge has been planned for you.

By the time you read this I shall have attended the First Annual Meeting of the Women's Division and the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. I am privileged to have had this opportunity to attend this historic meeting, for it is here that one sees the tremendous amount of planning for our work. Matters of grave importance and far reaching responsibility rests on the shoulders of those who prayerfully and concientiously discuss and formulate the policies and procedures. Careful and thoughtful attention is given to the suggestions made by local individuals and societies.

The work of the Women's Division is an integral and important part of the General Board of Missions. More and more we are functioning as an arm of the Church rather than a separate body though still retaining our autonomy.

It is you who serve locally and as a part of the district and conference who make possible the great on-going program of missions. The needs of our projects and institutions are increasing as the cost of living increases. The way to see that these needs are met is by increasing our giving. The Supply Work giving which for many years supplemented our pledge and helped to make possible the providing of most of the needs is no longer a separate gift but is an integral part of the PLEDGE TO MISSIONS which is made for the mission program of the Women's Division of the Board of Missions.

As I attend the Annual Meetings of these two bodies, I shall keep in mind the theme of our own Louisiana Conference Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild Annual Meetings, 'What does the Lord require of me?' I shall be thinking of what this question means to me as an individual and as a member of the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. Won't you think about this theme and bring the results of your thoughts to the meeting in Alexandria? May I ask that you join with me in prayer for our Annual Meeting that it be one which will help us to realize more fully what is required of us as Christian women and that we will be given the courage and the strength to stand up and be counted in areas which we think to be right. For each of you there will be a reserved seat at this meeting.

Elizabeth

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

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MOTEL INFORMATION FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS

Ramada Inn to be Guild Headquarters.

RAMADA INN	
2211 MacArthur Drive	
Single	$9.00
Double	$9.00-11.00
Two Double Beds	$10.00-14.00
HOLIDAY INN	
MacArthur Drive	
Single	$9.00
Double	$11.00
Two Double Beds	$14.00-18.00
HOWARD JOHNSON	
700MacArthur Drive	
Single	$10.50
Double	$14.50
Two Double Beds	$18.00
FLEUR DE LIS	
1000 MacArthur Drive	
Single	$7.00
Double	$10.00
Two Double Beds	$11.00
TRAVELODGE	
1116 MacArthur Drive	
Single	$8.00
Double	$10.00
Two Double Beds	$12.50-16.50
ALEXANDRIA INN	
1212 MacArthur Drive	
Single	$7.50
Double	$9.00
Two Double Beds	$12.00-16.00
IMPERIAL '400'	
601 Third Street	
Single	$8.50-10.50
Double	$8.50- 12.00
Two Double Beds	$14.00-16.00

Wesleyan Service Guild

N EW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Margaret M. Field, Chairman

The Chairman attended the quarterly executive committee meeting of the District Women's Society on November 13 at the home of the president, Mrs. Edgar Cayard. There is a good working relationship between the two groups.

The District Guild Committee met on November 17 at the Methodist Home-Hospital, where the Chairman is employed. Plans were made for a money raising event in January or February, and for the annual meeting on April 13 at Munholland Memorial United Methodist Church. We have invited Dr. Vela Cleveland, on furlough from India, to be our speaker.

The most exciting future date on our calendar is the one when we anticipate entertaining the Conference for their Annual Spring Meeting in 1970 at First United Methodist Church. We are working closely with the District Women's Society in this connection, and are looking forward to showing New Orleans to all of you in 1970.

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FINAL ISSUE OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR.

This is the last issue of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. It has been an interesting experiment.

Members of the steering committee, the committee on evaluation, and the staff have found real joy in relationships established through our cooperative effort.

Response to the paper has been generous and gracious from those who have used it.

Good criticism and suggestions directed to the committee on evaluation have been considered by committee and staff and effort has been made to adapt them. As a result the paper has steadily improved in response to suggestions from you. This has been good.

BUT – a tool is proved by its use. One that is not used is of little value. About one in twenty members of the society and guild combined subscribe to CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. With so few reading it, it cannot be an effective way of reaching local societies and guilds. There is so much we need to be doing in today's world; we are right, I believe, to question the use of time and money to perpetuate an ineffective tool.

There are members of both society and guild who are sincerely dismayed by the discontinuance of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES – some because it is a tradition, and they have enjoyed it and its predecessor papers; some because they feel we must have some means of communication between society and guild and between conference, district and local units within each.

It is the thought, I am sure, of all who voted to discontinue the paper that we will continue the search for a really effective means of communicating one with another.

A number of other conferences have recently evaluated conference papers and have voted this same way. It would seem that many are involved in this search for the BEST way to do a much needed job.

It is good that we evaluate and change. It is good that we are alert to the best use of funds and time. It is good that there is an outcry for some continued means of communicating with one another. We will work together on it, with faith, and we will find an effective way.

WORLD UNDERSTANDING WORKSHOP

A "spin-off" World Understanding Workshop is planned for Alexandria this fall. This program, conducted under the auspices of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, and administered by the Deivsion's section of Christian Social Relations, is a continuation of the Division's 14-year-old World Understanding Program. Miss Elizabeth Langford and Mrs. R. E. Carter, who attended the "Hub-City" workshop in Jackson, Mississippi are co-chairmen of the "spin-off" workshop. They plan a 2-day program (Friday and Saturday) to serve both the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Definite announcements of time and place will be made soon.

The 1969 World Understanding program focuses on world, social and economic development which is one of the principal thrusts of the Board of Missions' 1968-72 quadrennial emphasis.

Theme of the workshops will be "Issues of Poverty in World Development." Issues for study, discussion, and action, will include the relation between the affluent minority in the world and the destitute majority, the urgency of development in a world of "rising expectations," the significance of social and economic justice in development, and the role of the church in world poverty and development.

Mrs. R. E. Carter, Chairman
Christian Social Relations

It has been a rare privilege to work with the staff of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES, and I believe I speak for all in saying thank you to the Louisiana Conference Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild for the opportunity.

Coy Howe
Editor
CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES

The Chairman's Corner

Dear Guilders:

Our First Annual Spring Meeting as a Wesleyan Service Guild of the United Methodist Church is now history. Alexandria District and First United Methodist Church were wonderful hosts. We are most appreciative of the work of Miss Bessie Rollo, District Chairman and her committees. Our next "First" as a Wesleyan Service Guild of the United Methodist Church is our Annual Guild Weekend July 25-27, 1969 at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. As you were informed at the Annual Spring Meeting your committee is planning a very different type of program for this weekend and it is with you and your needs in mind; therefore without you – the district officers the local officers, and the members – it will be most ineffective. We are counting on you to be there and help make this, our first Guild Weekend, a success.

I am sorry that we are unable to give a complete program for the weekend in this issue. Just as soon as it is developed further and fully by the Administrative Committee, your District Chairman will be advised so that she may inform you of the plans.

Your attendance at and support of the Conference School of Christian Mission July 22-25, 1969 is urged. Miss Arline Tyler will be teaching in the school this year and will be the Dean of the school in 1970.

I am sure that you have received evaluation report forms and officers' lists by now. Won't you please complete these as quickly and fully as possible and forward them to the proper officers? Have your treasurer send a copy of your Unit's budget to the District Treasurer as soon as it is adopted. All of this information is necessary for the successful work of the Guild and the Women's Society.

Your prayers, your help and your cooperation is appreciated.

With love,
Mildred Evans
Conference Chairman

Dates to Remember:

PRIOR TO JUNE:

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN: Submit list of district offers as soon as possible

LOCAL PRESIDENTS: Submit list of officers as soon as possible

JUNE 16-20, 1969: West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission

JULY 21-25, 1969: Louisiana Conference A School of Christian Mission

JULY 25-27, 1969: Louisiana Conference A Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend

SEPTEMBER 1, 1969: Local officers take over duties

OCTOBER 4-5, 1969: Lovers of Camp Brewer attend get together at Camp Brewer

MARCH 13-15, 1970: Annual Meeting – New Orleans at First United Methodist Church and Jung Hotel.

Dr. Vela Cleveland

In the spring of 1958 a young woman, about to graduate from the Tulane School of Medicine in the field of pediatrics, had a vision. A voice called her to India. Perhaps this call had nested in her heart for many years for it was no sudden decision that caused Dr. Vela Cleveland to forsake all else and dedicate her life and talents to service in World Missions in the field of medicine in her Master's name.

During the succeeding 10 years the women of Louisiana have followed her work very closely. Her letters from far away India have inspired us and her appearances, when on furlough, at our Spring Meetings in 1964 and again in 1969 have given the women of the Women's Societies and the Wesleyan Service Guilds a greater knowledge of mission and the need for service.

Though Louisiana lays a great claim on so great a Christian, Florida is Vela's native state. She was born in Fort Meade, Florida, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Cleveland, Sr. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Asbury College, Kentucky; and her Master of Arts from Duke University in North Carolina. She taught school for 15 years, including 6 years in Florida Public Schools and 6 years at Florida State University.

In 1949 Vela came to New Orleans. She was a member of Carrolton Avenue Methodist Church and Wesleyan Service Guild. After 2½ years as Graduate Assistant in Gross Anatomy at Tulane School of Medicine, she attended Tulane Medical School, graduating in 1955. After internship and residency in Pediatrics at Charity Hospital, and a semester in Missionary Orientation at Hartford, Connecticut, she arrived in India in 1959 as a Medical Missionary.

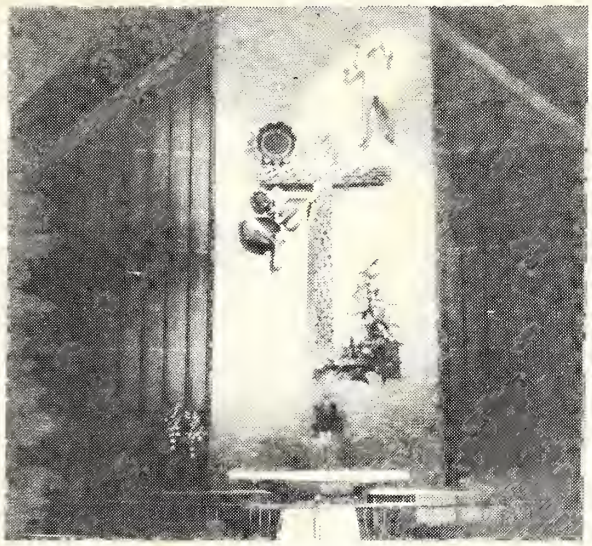
Though a graduate in pediatrics, her main work at the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital, Kolar, Mysore State, India has been as an anesthetist. In these two fields Vela often worked "around the clock" in surgery and the delivery room. She also rendered a great service as the All-India Secretary for the Methodist Medical Scholarship Committee in India. This responsibility required many hours of desk work and miles and miles of travel throughout India.

Vela is currently on furlough and taking a Residency in Anesthesiology at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. Before returning to India she hopes to become eligible for the American Board in Anesthesiology.

In the many letters written for Guild Times, Vela always signed them – "Blessings on thee,Vela." How very much, and with all our hearts, we say "Blessings on thee, Vela."

Elizabeth Langford

ANNUAL MEETING
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD



SYMBOLS IN THE SANCTUARY OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA.

"What Does the Lord Require of You?" was a fitting theme for the first Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild held in Alexandria on March 14-16, 1969, at the First United Methodist Church. The meetings presided over by Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman, were held in the worshipful sanctuary.

The 185 Guilders in attendance were inspired by the symbolism depicted in the Church. The symbols in the sanctuary and church plant were explained by Rev. Gilbert Wade, Associate Pastor. One of the outstanding symbols is the copper sculpture on the front wall of the sanctuary which has as its theme "Life, Death, and Resurrection." The composition centers around the cross and is symbolic of love and faith. The barren thorn bush is symbolic of death – besides being contrary to life the thorn indicates the crown of thorns which Christ wore at his death on the cross. The large stylized sunflower is symbolic of life. As the sunflower turns its face to the sun, so followers of Christ should turn towards the Son. The figure of the man is symbolic of the Resurrection – triumphant man enpowered by the resurrection.

The Saturday afternoon session began with Mrs. Rosa McCullough, program chairman, recognizing the following chairmen in charge of hosting the meeting: Miss Marie Pace, president of First Church Guild; Mrs. Lou Kelley, president of Trinity Guild; Mrs. Bea Sandefur of the Bunkie Guild; and Miss Bessie Rollo, Alexandria District Chairman.

Our own Dr. Vela Cleveland, medical missionary to India, who is now on leave attending the Anesthesiological Department of Charity Hospital in New Orleans, spoke on the theme, "Four Attitudes." Vela, dressed in a sari, described in a most interesting way how she usually spends a typical day. She also told about the missionary program at the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Hospital of Kolar, India.

The Women's Society Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, led the District Chairmen in a very impressive pledge service. The following pledges by districts totaled $15,847: Alexandria $1579; Baton Rouge, $1902; Lafayette, $1386; Lake Charles, $2442; Monroe, $2412; New Orleans, $2163; Ruston $1722; and Shreveport, $2239.

Mrs. Gardner called attention to the fact that there would be two pledge services during 1969 – the May pledge for June 1 to December 31, 1969, and one in November for the year 1970.

In other action during the afternoon session District Treasurers were authorized to request permission from local Guilds making remittances to transfer the funds for the Supplementary gift to McDonell Methodist Center Building Fund to the District Pledge for Missions since the $10,000 pledged by the Conference had been paid. It was anticipated that it would take seven years to pay the $10,000 pledged by the Conference to the Center but this goal was paid in only three years. In view of this the District Treasurers were authorized to request permission from local Guilds to transfer contributions.

Action was also taken to accept the recommendation of the committee to discontinue the publication of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. (More about this in another article.)

Miss Evans announced that a task group had been set up in the Conference. This group is to work on the educational and directive areas of the Wesleyan Service Guild and its relation to the Women's Society of Christian Service and the local church. The Lafayette District was selected as the pilot group. Misses Hermine Tate and Marilynn Carter were appointed to serve as Chairman and Co-chairman of the study.

On Saturday evening a banquet was held in the lovely Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. Entertainment was provided by the Rev. John Kilpatrick, District Superintendent of the Alexandria District, who played the accordian, sang, and told jokes.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearne, Executive Director of Fort Worth Area Council of Churches, was the evening speaker. His inspiring message was entitled "Making Things New."

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered by Dr. Ben Oliphint and Rev. Wade at the common table standing at the center of worship and symbolized the "gathering" of the Church community around the table of the Lord.

An offering for Missions of over $225 was given in memory of Miss Maree White, former Conference Recording Secretary.

The sale of Gold ribboned bookmarks, bearing the theme, "What Does the Lord Require of You?" brought in over $100 for Missions in honor of Dr. Vela Cleveland.

A charter was presented to Mrs. Barbara Sockrider, president of a new Guild at Roanoke Church, formerly a Evangelical United Brethern Church.

The Sunday morning session was devoted to business. Miss Lillian Kennedy presented the new Bylaws and Standing Rules which were adopted.

Delegates to the Jurisdiction School of Christian Mission will be Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Mrs. Agnes Miller, Miss Mildred Evans, and a member named by the Administrative Committee.

Miss Evans gave her annual report and challenged the guilds of the Louisiana Conference to a year of growth.

What Does the Lord Require of You?

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Louisiana Conference A

School Of Christian Mission

JULY 22-25, 1969

CENTENARY COLLEGE - SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Study Classes

Three courses for study are offered at the School of Christian Mission this year. They are:

I. RECONCILIATION IN A BROKEN WORLD

The threefold purpose of this course speaks to one of our greatest needs. The purpose is to help recognize the barriers to understanding and acceptance between peoples and individuals throughout the world, to become more effectual instruments of God's reconciling work among men, and to do individually and coporately those things that make for peace.

II. TOWARD UNDERSTANDING CHINA AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE

We need to understand the contemporary history, culture and influence of the Chinese people, and this course will help do it. It helps, too, to interpret the political events of the past two decades in China, and to appreciate the Chinese people as fellow-members of the family of nations.

III. THE INNER LIFE AND THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S WORLD

This course deals with the inner orientation of the individual and ways of nurturing the inner life; as well as the processes by which the individual becomes increasingly aware of the world about him and what it means to be Christian in our time.

Afternoon and evening sessions during the school will offer many chances for students to explore in depth their role as an officer and member of Women's Society and as a Christian in today's world.

Staff

Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick ..... Dean
Mrs. Garland C. Dean, Jr. ..... Assistant Dean
Mrs. R. E. Carter ..... Registrar
Mrs. Carl Gallaher ..... Housing
Mrs. J. F. Rosett ..... Arrangements

General Information

REGISTRATION

Fee, $5.00 (this includes insurance required of all.)

All persons attending the School must register. You are encouraged to attend the complete School; however, if you plan to attend one day only, your fee will be $2.00. No refunds for registration will be made after July 15, although registration may be transferred to another person. Class admittance cards will not be mailed to you. Everyone must come by James Dormitory to secure Class Admittance Cards, name tags and packet of information before noon on Tuesday, July 22.

Registration blanks have been mailed to the president of each local society along with information you need to register properly. Information about teachers which may help you in selecting sections is found on page 5 and 6 of this issue of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES.

HOUSING

Room rent for campus dormitory space is $2.00 per night. Assignments will be made upon receipt of your pre-registration, but you pay for your room at the time of final registration in James Dormitory on July 22. All checks are to be made out to "La. Conference Women's Society of Christian Service." Your requests for roommates and special housing for physical limitations will be granted if at all possible. These requests should be included with your pre-registration.

SCHEDULE

Registration (everyone) 9:00 to 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, July 22.

Opening of School (everyone) 1:15 P.M., July 22.

Study classes meet the first time on Tuesday afternoon and each subsequent morning through Friday. Students will participate in all sessions of the class of their choice as well as in Growth and Development sessions which are scheduled both morning and afternoon Wednesday and Thursday. Special programs of enrichment are planned for the evening hours.

The School will close by noon on Friday, July 25th.

MEALS

At the time of registration in James Dormitory you may purchase a meal ticket for $7.50 which will cover meals from Tuesday noon through Friday breakfast. Individual meals will be available in the cafeteria at $.75 for breakfast, $1.00 for lunch, and $1.25 for dinner.

TEXTBOOKS: The Literature Room on the first floor of James Dormitory will be open Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and you may purchase texts at that time. However, you may purchase them ahead of time, if you wish, from SERVICE CENTER, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45237.

TEXTBOOKS

TEXTS:

FOR RECONCILATION IN A BROKEN WORLD:

Adult Text: DARE TO RECONCILE	by Nelson	$1.50
Adult Guide::	by Beckelhymer	.85
Adult Supplementary Book SET FREE FOR OTHERS	by Wentz	1.50
Late Teen Text: THE MAZE OF PEACE	by Geyer	1.45
Late Teen Supplementary Reading: FROM WRECKS TO RECONCILIATION	by Bailey	1.75

FOR TOWARD UNDERSTANDING CHINA AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE:

Adult Text: CHINA IN CHANGE	by Bates	1.50
Adult Guide:	by Lacy	.85
Late Teens Text: CHINA PROFILE	by Terrill	1.75

FOR THE INNER LIFE AND THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S WORLD:

THE INNER LIFE, STUDY BOOK	by Potthoff	.85
THE INNER LIFE, SELECTED READINGS		.75
THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S WORLD, STUDY BOOK		.85
THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S WORLD, SELECTED READINGS		.75

FACULTY

Miss Virginia Thomas

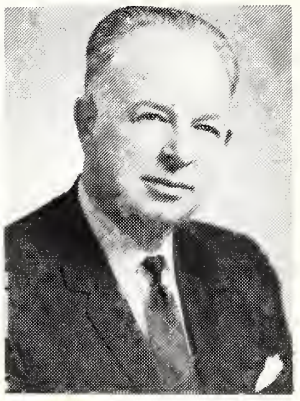
Leading Sections of:

THE INNER LIFE

AND THE CHRISTIAN

IN TODAY'S WORLD

Miss Arline Tyler



Dr. A. Lamar Cooper

Miss Virginia Thomas of Tupelo, Mississippi, a teacher of Bible and religious education at Millsaps College in Mississippi for many years, will teach one section of "The Inner Life and the Christian in Today's World." She retired a number of years ago when her parents needed her, but has continued to serve through various conference boards and agencies. She has been particularly active through the training program of the Board of Education.

Miss Arline Tyler is a teacher in Louisiana, her home state. She has taught at junior high level and has worked in both schools and community to promote a rich meaningful and well articulated program in public education. She has served on committees concerning report cards, curricula, and text books and worked with science fairs and with the chamber of commerce as a representative of education.

Her church service has been through the church school, the commissions, and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Arline was Louisiana Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild for four years and served as Chairman of Spiritual Life for the South Central Jurisdiction. She will teach one section of "The Inner Life and the Christian in Today's World."

Dr. Allen Lamar Cooper is professor of Social Ethics at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas, and author of several articles on the churches and social ethics. He has been a teacher of English, a pastor, and a Chaplain, having been chosen Chaplain of the Year by the United States Air Force in 1944. Dr. Cooper will teach one section of "The Inner Life and the Christian in Today's World."

School Of Christian Mission

Leading one section of:
TOWARD UNDERSTANDING CHINA
AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE

Mrs. Ed Cobb

Mrs. Ed Cobb, dean of the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, 1969, is a Nebraskan. She is past president of the Nebraska Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, is a member of the Jurisdiction Society-Guild Core Planning Group, and has been a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Barbara is active as a homemaker, as a speaker, and as a member of the state board of the American Association of University Women, and of the International Platform Association.

Mrs. John L. Howe

Leading Sections of:
RECONCILIATION IN A BROKEN WORLD

Reverend Roy H. Ryan

A new but familiar face in the Section of Age-Related Ministries to Persons is the Reverend Roy H. Ryan who assumed his duties as director of Middle Adult Ministries in June, 1968. His responsibilities include designing, testing and implementing a ministry with middle-aged adults; working closely with the editors of adult publications in developing curriculum resources appropriate for ministry with the age group; relating with staff persons responsible for adult education through other general agencies in developing a comprehensive and coordinated adult ministry for United Methodism.

A Mississippian, Mr. Ryan has served pastorates in the North Mississippi Conference and was associate pastor of Lover's Lane Methodist Church with responsibility for adult education in the 7,000-member congregation. He will teach one section of "Reconciliation in a Broken World."

Mrs. John Howe, who will teach one section of "Reconciliation in a Broken World, is a member of the Core Planning Group of the South Central Jurisdiction Society-Guild. She served most recently in Louisiana as chairman of the program area for spiritual growth and as editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. Coy is wife of the present director of MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma, Louisiana.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The President's Corner

MRS. CHARLES B. McGOWAN

Our First Annual Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service is over. We shall long remember the gracious hospitality of the hostess Society and the staff of First United Methodist Church in Alexandria. So many things were brought out through the presentation of the Program which indicated to us ways in which we could involve ourselves as we answer the question "What Does the Lord Require of Me?" I was sorry that I could not greet each of you personally for I had looked forward to speaking to each of you and to welcoming you, personally.

Now we have another important event to look forward to attending. I would like to call your attention to the School of Christian Mission which will be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, July 22-25, 1969. You will note that registration will begin on Tuesday morning. This is an effort to comply with the request from many of you for a shorter school. Opportunities have been made for your participation at times other than the class periods. Mrs. Thomas Kirkpatrick, our Dean, and her Committee have planned carefully for our physical comfort and for a well balanced program. Elsewhere in this paper you will find specific directions and news of the courses to be offered with something about the teachers who will lead the classes. It would be wonderful if each Society could have at least one person attend the Conference School.

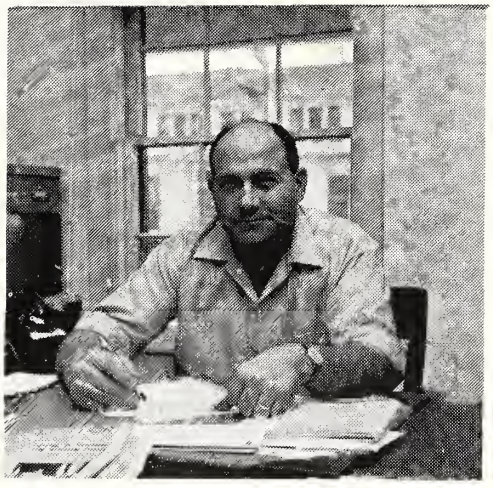
By now, each local president should have received copies of the EVALUATION REPORT from Service Center. If you have not received these, please write immediately to Service Center giving the name of the local president, her address, the name of the church and where located. Many of the local presidents did not send a copy of the STATISTICAL REPORT to their district presidents. As I studied the tabulated report sent to me from Service Center, I realized that this report did not give a true picture of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society. Will you take out the copy of the STATISTICAL REPORT which you were asked to retain for your files and study the answers which you gave. Perhaps there were statements that you did not understand or interpret. I would be so glad to claim all of the new members which were reported as having been gained.

More and more I am brought to realize the necessity of having a Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. It is through this organized structure that we are able to carry on a tremendous program of both National and World Missions. As we do this we extend our own growth in many ways. I am proud of the work that is carried on through the Louisiana Conference.

This is the final issue of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. It was voted at the Annual Meeting to discontinue the publishing of the paper. This was done upon recommendation of the Conference Executive Committee who had studied the use to which the paper was being put, the continued cost of printing and the few subscriptions by individuals. We are deeply grateful to those who have done so much to make this paper a useful tool for promoting the program of the Society and Guild. We are especially grateful to Mrs. John Howe, Jr. who has served so efficiently as the editor and to all of those who have worked with her in various capacities: Mrs. C. R. McCammon Miss Maralynn Carter, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. Wideman Watson and all needs, in others some have felt that it did not. Much energy, thought and expense was involved. Some other means will have to be found to let you know of meetings that are to be coming events and to share with you information that you should have.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan
President

John Howe Transferred



John L. Howe, director of MacDonell Methodist Center for the past nine years, has accepted a position as director of Epworth Village in York, Nebraska, effective June 15th.

Epworth Village is a children's home similar to MacDonell Center except for its near rural setting. It is administered by the National Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Howe, a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW), was commissioned a home missionary by The Methodist Church in 1959. He came to Louisiana from Washington D.C. where he directed the Swartzell Methodist Children's Home Nebraska is his home state.

Mr. G. J. Bridges (ACSW) of Nashville, Tennessee will come to MacDonell Center as its new director. Further information about him is not available for publication at this time.

Wesleyan Service Guild
DISTRICT NEWS

MONROE DISTRICT

Agnes Miller,Chairman

Guilders of the Monroe District deeply regret that conditions have made necessary the end of Christian Service Times. The paper, and its predecessor, Guild Times, have meant much throughout their years of publication. Sincere appreciation if given to all who have had any part in this phase of Guild work since the beginning.

Monroe District was well represented at the annual Conference Spring Meeting in Alexandria. All who attended brought back glowing reports of the success of the meeting. The high point of the conference was the presence of Dr. Vela Cleveland, home from India for further study. It is anticipated that she will also be at the Monroe fall camp at Chemin-a-haut in September. .

Plans are being made for the District Spring Meeting to be held in Mer Rouge on April 27. Morning workshop together, a luncheon, and the meeting of the afternoon are scheduled to provide a day of inspiration and fellowship.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Hermine Tate, Chairman

Guilds in the Lafayette District are getting ready for the annual Spring meeting on April 27, in Rayne. We feel very fortunate in having Dr. Vela Cleveland to speak to us at this meeting.

Fourteen members, representing five Guilds in the District, attended the annual Guild in Alexandria in March 14-16, 1969.

The Lafayette District Guilders are looking forward to working on the task group set up in the conference. This task group is on the educational and directive areas of the Wesleyan Service Guild and its relation to the Women's Society of Christian Service and the local Church. Lafayette District was selected as the pilot group to conduct this study. Hermine Tate and Marylynn Carter are to chair this study.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Mrs. R. M. Steere, Chairman

There are eleven Guild Units in the Ruston District, with a membership as last reported of 233. We are especially pleased that the new Bennett Steere Guild at Trinity, Ruston, continues to grow in membership and interest. This Guild has chosen as a special project the giving of attention to patients in the local nursing homes.

The Fall Coaching Conference was held on October 20 in Farmerville. A skit which emphasized the duties (and changes in duties) of each local officer was presented. This was followed by a question and answer period.

The Spring Distirct Meeting was held on April 13 in Haynesville. At this time election of officers was held and new officers were installed. Reports were given by each Guild president and the District Chairman and Treasurer.

Guild members in the Ruston District continue to be most active in their local churches, serving in many different capacities. Every Guild has participated in at least one study during the year and most have had some part in three or four.

I wish to again thank all those who have made my term of office a most enriching and delightful experience. These have been changing times and we have not always been sure of our duties, but there has been a dedication and a willingness among Ruston Distirct Guilders which has encouraged and strengthened me through these years. My particular appreciation I must express for the help of Mrs. Bessie Fairley and Mrs. J. Davidson Brown who so ably assisted me in the District work.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Margaret M. Field, Chairman

The first annual meeting was held at Munholland Church on April 13. The speaker was Dr. Vela Cleveland, missionary from India, and the offering was used as a gift to missions in her honor.

On April 27, Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton directed a play, "The Dolls on Dress Parade." The play featured children from Carrollton Church and Napoleon Avenue Church, and was given at the former Church. Proceeds went to the District fund.

The District Chairman was asked to serve as a discussion group leader for the annual meeting of Louisiana Conference (B) Wesleyan Service Guild, held in Baton Rouge on April 26.

TO GUILDERS:

There is a challenge that lies ahead for some Wesleyan Service Guild member in the Louisiana Conference. Are you willing to undertake the challenge? Are you enthusiastic enough about Wesleyan Service Guild to tell others about it? Then speak up now!

At the Spring Conference in Alexandria the Women's Society of Christian Service voted to discontinue this publication, CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. The Guild did likewise, however, with some reluctance. Yes, Guild members voted to discontinue this paper since there seemed to be no known alternative at the time.

Certainly this could mean a new beginning. Guild members do like to keep in touch with others through a news media. Guild members wish to be kept informed of the activities of the Conference. Guild members want to know about changes coming down from the Women's Division. They also want to keep a record of what has taken place as well as things to come.

Yes, it was with reluctance that they voted no, but here is a quote from two Guild members, one a relative newcomer to the Guild and the other a former member now living in another conference. The newcomer said after the afternoon session in Alexandria, "I am sorry and disappointed that the conference voted to discontinue our paper:" the former Louisianan wrote, "I am sorry to learn that the CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES will be discontinued; it was my only way of keeping up with all my Louisiana friends."

Are you interested enough to accept the challenge of gathering and editing news and resume our former publicatio"Guild Times." Perhaps you can find a friend in your Guild or in your district who would help you with the resumption of a Guild paper. Give it a try; it will be rewarding!

If you have a plan or a suggestion, come to Guild weekend at Centenary in July and present it at this meeting. If you believe enough in a Guild paper and feel that others are interested too, then it is possible.

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